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Cash plea to public for bid to save venue

CAMPAIGNERS are asking the public to dig deep to raise money needed to kick-start the restoration of demolition-threatened Dudley Hippodrome.

Around £5,000 is needed to help establish a charitable trust which would be able to apply for grants in a bid to save the Castle Hill venue.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group warn they are facing a fight to raise the necessary funds.

They are asking for donations of a few pence the 30,000 people who have signed a petition opposing the demolition plans.

The money would go towards setting up a new organisation called the Dudley Hippodrome Theatre Trust and registering it with the Charity Commission. The sum is the minimum needed to be held in a bank account to allow the trust to be ratified.

Friends group chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick said: "The campaign needs to raise £5,000 in order to become a charitable trust, which is essential to the campaign. This sounds a lot, but if it is considered that we have collected well over 30,000 signatures, a contribution of 25p each will more than cover it."

"We are asking the people of Dudley to contribute whatever they can, anyway they can to help us save this iconic building."

Adventure play revamp

AN ADVENTURE playground which is used by thousands of families is being given a major revamp.

Almost £160,000 will be spent on improvements at Sycamore Adventure, run by Dudley Council. Some work, including an extension to a kitchen so it can provide a range of hot and cold food, has already been completed.

Now £80,000 will be spent on installing new adventure play equipment outside, including giant wooden structures connecting bridges and slides at the Old Farm Estate, Dudley.

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ELECTRIC CARS GET POWER NETWORK

Report by Heather Large

A £200,000 plan to install electric car charging points across Dudley borough has been announced.

Dudley Council has made a successful bid for cash to the Office for Low Emission Vehicles to fund the work.

It has been awarded £150,000 to install four charging points – one in each of the towns of Dudley, Brierley Hill, Halesowen and Stourbridge. Motor manufacturer Renault-Nissan will also contribute £50,000 to the scheme.

Council bosses are now looking at possible sites for the new charging points so they can be easily accessed by motorists who need them.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for transportation, said: "We are very keen to explore greener ways for people to travel around the borough, and this funding is a huge step in this work."

"We also encourage businesses, wherever possible, to think about electric car charging points as part of their developments, through the planning process."

"We hope that by working together we can increase the amount of opportunities for people to own and run electric cars in the borough."

Locations

"We are working to establish the exact locations for the charging points but we aim to install one in each of the main centres – Dudley, Brierley Hill, Stourbridge and Halesowen."

Last month a project to install 36 charging points around Birmingham was completed by the city council.

They were fitted at 18 locations across the city in on and off-street locations with support from Plugged-In Midlands.

There is an annual admission fee to join the scheme but no charge for the actual electricity used.

Elsewhere, there are a total of 10 ports available in Staffordshire.

Figures released in August showed councils across the country had spent more than £7.2 million on docking stations over the last three years.

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Rethink on crime cases court move

CONTROVERSIAL plans to cease criminal cases at court in Dudley will be reviewed following opposition from magistrates.

Dudley Magistrates' Court would be beamed its criminal casework as part of a shake-up put forward by the Ministry of Justice.

The proposals had come under fire from magistrates, who claimed they had not been consulted.

Hundreds of people have signed a petition against the move and there have even been follow-on threats by magistrates.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin, who has campaigned against the proposals, has been told that a review of the plans will be carried out. It will be led by Michael Seath, Justices Clerk for the West Midlands, and other members of the local Justice Issues Group, made up of magistrates and court staff.

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Council's toilet snub infuriates villagers

CAMPAIGNERS calling for public toilets in a village to be reopened are angry after being told cash from the sale of a building will be used to restore conveniences in another town.

More than 300 residents in Gornal signed a petition to get the toilets in Abbey Road reinstated saying a busy shopping hub needed such facilities.

A fresh twist villagers have been shocked to learn that cash from the sale of Gornal Wood Cemetery Lodge would be used to reopen toilets in Netherton.

Furious

Dudley Council deemed the lodge surplus to requirements earlier this year. The building has not yet been sold but once a buyer has been found money will be used on other projects.

Gornal councillor Tim Wright said council officers had confirmed plans to invest cash in toilets in Netherton.

He said he had been approached by a number of furious Gornal residents.

"The lodge is in the Gornal area and people have been calling for the public conveniences to be reopened for a very long time now," he said.

"Frankly it does not seem fair for money from the sale of this building will be used to reopen toilets in Netherton when there is a need here in the village."

School staff wages paid

THOUSANDS of school staff from across Dudley who failed to receive their wages on time due to a computer glitch have been paid.

Around 6,500 workers were left unpaid due to the 'unforeseen' technical fault last Thursday, October 31.

The council said this week that it had resolved the problem which was caused by a fault with the BACS system.

Staff said the delay had hit particularly hard as October had lasted almost five working weeks.

Mark memorial fund launched



From left, Mark Rutter's wife Kate, father Graham Rutter, ward sister Pauline Dawson, nurse Rachel Baker and coronary care sister Marie Banner with family and doctors

A FUND set up in memory of a brave father-of-two who died aged 40 after a 15-year battle with leukaemia has been launched with a £5,000 donation.

Mark Rutter's wife, father, stepmother and sister presented the money to staff on the Coronary Care Unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

The Mark Rutter Education Fund will be used to train staff to help young patients who are diagnosed with heart failure and may need end-of-life care.

Mark, of Broad Street, Kingswinford, discovered he had leukaemia through a blood test when he broke his ribs playing football for Envile Athletic in 1998.



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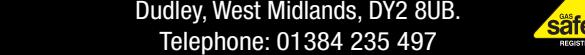
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New police base to combat park yobs

GANGS of youths boozing and taking drugs in a park will be tackled by the opening of a new police base following residents' concerns.

Yobs have been congregating in Stevens Park, in Wollescote, near Cradley, according to neighbourhood police.

They say teens have been drinking in the park and causing a nuisance for people using the beauty spot and those living near by. Empty

beer bottles and litter have also been left strewn across football pitches causing a hazard for players and forcing a constant clean up battle by council staff.

Police said they will be working alongside the council workers and members of the Friends of the Wollescote Park to patrols throughout the day and into the evening.

Neighbourhood police officers from the Wedmore and Stourbridge

East team will now be based in the community hub building within the park, off Wollescote Road.

Pc John Redfern said: "This is a really positive step in us tackling and reducing anti-social behaviour in the park."

"Our main aim is to take action against the few people that cause these issues in the park, so that it can be a pleasant and enjoyable place for residents and youngsters to

enjoy." Dudley Council's community safety boss, Councillor Steve Waltho, added: "Increasing police surveillance will provide a secure and safe environment for everyone who visits."

Ward councillor Richard Body, who is also a member of the friends group, said: "This is a really good idea as it will mean that police can stay around the park and not have to keep it out to incidents."

Women 'need to be in top jobs'

A HOSPITAL boss has spoken to a women's group about the need to encourage more females into leadership roles.

Paula Clark, chief executive of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust talked on the theme of 'Creating Opportunity' to members of Soroptimist International's Stourbridge group at Hagley and Country Club.

Stourbridge president Dr Jane Flint Bridgewater welcomed her, emphasising the 'strong community support and recognition of Paula's leadership of the local trust' through the recent challenge of the Keogh review into hospital death rates.

Ms Clark focused on the need to encourage more women into leadership roles in all walks of life.

She said access to positive role models at the right time was very important, as was 'wise counselling to avoid negative stereotyping and media impact'.

The group told her about its work on stopping human trafficking and reducing women's imprisonment.

Go-ahead for flats scheme

A SCHEME to create 14 flats will 'boost the regeneration of Dudley, according to planners who have approved the development.'

Two blocks, one three and the other four storey, will be built on land to the rear of council offices in St James's Road. Members of Dudley Council's development control committee heard the site was being used as an unofficial car park.

Councillors said they believed the development would be key to bringing more people to live in the heart of the town centre.

Councillor Tim Wright said: "The regeneration of Dudley is not going to happen solely through the new college developments and bringing in new business. It is also vital to bring more people to live within walking distance of the town centre."

Raising funds

MODELS of HM ships helped the Stourbridge and District branch of the Royal Naval Association raise £731 at a flag day on October 19 at the Rye Market, Stourbridge. Secretary Dave Weaver thanked people who contributed to funds that will be used for the welfare of ex-Royal Navy personal.

Car-clocking gang jailed for sophisticated fraud

THEY clocked the mileage on dozens of cars and sold them on with forged documents to con unsuspecting customers.

Drivers who thought they were getting their hands on top quality bargains had actually been duped into buying cars worth no more than their scrap value that had travelled tens of thousands of miles more than they believed.

But the gang behind the 'professionally-run' car-clocking racket that sold cars with false or forged documents for at least £227,815 is behind bars.

A fifth defendant – a trainee solicitor – was handed a suspended prison sentence for her part in the 'sophisticated' fraud.

The gang, which operated as Enzo Motors, Great Bridge Street, West Bromwich, and Netherton Motors, Halesowen Road, Netherton, would buy second-hand cars and take tens of thousands of miles off the odometer.

Dealer

They would also forge service books, MOT and HPI documents, and had acquired dealer service stamps during the fraud, which took place between December 2009 and February 2011.

Giving examples of their operation at Wolverhampton Crown Court, Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting, said one VW Golf was bought in September 2010 with 129,000 miles on the clock, before being sold four days later with 67,000 miles.

It had a fake MOT, service book and invoice, and made £1,500 profit.

The total profit made from the group's illegal sales has not yet been calculated, and the amount of money each will need to pay back will be decided at a hearing in May.

Mr Jackson said: "This was an extremely sophisticated and professionally-run fraud operation."

The complex fraud began to unravel when a complaint was made to Sandwell Council's trading standards team in July 2010 about a Vauxhall Astra clocked down from 138,000 to 58,000, bought from one of the defendants, Inderjit Sohal.



Pardeep Shinh – 18 months jail

Following warrants carried out by trading standards a number of text messages were found, sent between some of the defendants, which talked about selling clocked cars which they called 'vipers', and how much money they should be making from them. The fraud also ran alongside a legitimate second-hand car business.

Although the roles of the four men were difficult to distinguish, Mr Jackson said: All four were responsible for selling clocked cars from Enzo and Netherton. The fifth defendant, Karmjit Sohal, did not sell cars, but appeared to have played a role in buying and advertising cars, and dealing with money.

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Pardeep Shinh, 33, of Tanacetum



Defendants Jatinder Sandher and Sundeep Shinh – both were jailed



Karmjit Sohal – played a part

Drive, Walsall, was also given 36 months in prison after pleading guilty to one charge of conspiracy to defraud, even though the judge recognised he had less involvement.

Jatinder Sandher, 28, of Brookfield Way, Tipton, was given a 32-month jail term after pleading guilty at the earliest opportunity to two charges of conspiracy to defraud.

Assess

Karmjit Sohal, 24, of Sherlock Close, Willenhall, was given an 18-month sentence, suspended for two years, and 150 hours of unpaid work. She was found guilty of two counts of conspiracy to defraud following a trial in September.

Mr Christopher Loach, defending Inderjit Sohal, said it 'would be wrong to assess the whole business as fraudulent and dishonest', as they were also selling legitimate cars 'on a substantial basis'.

Mr Stephen Blower, defending both Jatinder Sandher and Sundeep

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Shinh, said neither had initially gone into the business on the basis that they were going to commit offences.

Mr Sanjeev Sharma, defending Pardeep Shinh, said he had previously been a man of good character, and in all the time that has elapsed since the offence he has demonstrated that it will not happen again.

Mr John Evans, defending Karmjit Sohal, said there was no evidence of her participating in the sale of clocked cars at either business, and her role was limited to a short duration of a larger scheme.

Judge Mark Eades said not only did the crime affect those victims who bought the cars, but also those who worked in the second-hand car trade legitimately.

"Your involvement in this conspiracy to defraud is serious, and it involved sophisticated fraud. It was done simply so that you could make a profit," he said.

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Charities goal for cabbies

TAXI drivers will be swapping their cabs for the football pitch as they hope to raise hundreds of pounds to help ill children.

Members of the Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association are taking to the field for their annual cup competition on Sunday.

The tournament at the Goals soccer centre, in Cakemore Road, Rowley Regis, will help raise funds for Birmingham Childrens Hospital.

Firms taking part on the day include Beacon Taxis, 5 Star, Express Taxis, Fastline, Falcon and Elite.

The day kicks off at 2.30pm with the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, attending to present the trophies to winning team alongside taxi committee chairman Councillor Richard Body.

Organiser Shaz Saleem, who is chairman of the taxi association, said: "We are looking forward to the day now and at the end of the day it is all for a good cause."

They hope to raise around £500 for the hospital.

High Street bays to stay

A TRIAL parking scheme to cut traffic queues in a busy town centre has been made permanent.

Dudley's transport boss Khurshid Ahmed has given the go ahead to extend the project in Brierley Hill.

The pilot has seen loading and parking bays and waiting restrictions introduced in High Street. It was the final stage of the wider £27 million scheme creating the Venture Way parallel bypass which began six years ago.

The trial began in February and proved successful, the council said.

Councillor Ahmed agreed to make the scheme permanent at a meeting. Some alterations to the scheme will be made including shortening the length of an 'extremely long' bus bay.

Fun with fungi on expert hunt

A FUNGI foray will take place on Sunday at The Leasowes in Halesowen, led by expert Nick Williams, who will identify and give information about the findings.

The walk starts at 2pm and finishes at 4pm. Book on 01384 814642.

Thugs locked up after brutal kidnap ordeal

THREE friends inflicted a 'brutal' attack on a man before handcuffing and bundling him in the back of a car during an ordeal lasting more than four hours, a court heard.

Jason Mills, whose mental condition was described as 'vulnerable', was kicked, punched and his head was stamped on during the assault.

The attackers – Daniel Wainwright, Paul Wainwright and a 17-year-old who cannot be named – launched the assault just after 7.30pm while at Wainwright's home in Stourbridge on March 14. All three then kidnapped him using handcuffs Wainwright had stolen from the back of a police van,

before shoving him into the back of a Rover car, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. They returned to Wainwright's home and was assaulted for a second time.

Pepper

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, prosecuting, said Wainwright used a 'homemade' pepper spray on Mr Mills. He added that Wainwright, described as the 'prime mover' of the attack, claimed the assault was part of an 'insurance job' to make it look like Mr Mills had been attacked during a burglary, in a bid to pocket £15,000 from insurers.

The victim was bound up in the car boot

for a second time before being forced to get £160 from a cash point at a garage, said Mr Garcha. He was freed at around 1am.

The gang bragged about the attack by showing off a video to Wainwright's sister whom they met minutes after the attack.

A few weeks afterwards Wainwright left messages on Mr Mills' Facebook page, one of which called him a 'deadman'.

The court heard the offences took place while Wainwright was on police bail for another attack in January.

Mr Garcha told the court Wainwright had approached another friend, Vincent Homer, while he was at a cash point, demanding

cash, before butting him and punching him 'several' times. "This was unprovoked and gratuitous violence," Mr Garcha added.

Wainwright, aged 22, of Cherrytree Court, Wollescote, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to assault occasioning actual bodily harm on Mr Homer and kidnap and witness intimidation on Mr Mills. He was jailed for six years in total.

Wainwright, also 22, of Standhills Road, Kingswinford, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to kidnap. He was sentenced to three-and-a-half years imprisonment. The 17-year-old admitted kidnap and was given a two-year rehabilitation with a five-month curfew.

Suspected sex offender, 53, killed himself with shotgun

Help plea from club after theft of mower

MEMBERS of a children's football team are appealing for help after the lawnmower for their pitch was stolen by thieves.

Youngsters and officials at Dudley Town under-14s had worked tirelessly to raise the money to buy the mower. But they were left distraught after raiders struck at their base at Parkes Hall Social Club playing field in Dudley.

Manager and groundsman Denis Robinson said: "We do all the maintenance ourselves from seeding it to cutting it, so the mower is very important to us."

Money

The John Deere x165 ride-on mower, which cost the team around £2,700, was taken at around 2.45am on October 7.

Mr Robinson added: "We fundraised for a considerable amount of time to raise the money for the mower. We were able to get it for a reduced price because we were a children's football team."

Mr Robinson is appealing for any businesses or individuals who may be able to help the team find a new mower. There are 16 children in the team. Anyone able to help can contact Mr Robinson on 07759 088496.



Fed-up players at the ground are Amy Robinson, aged six, at the front with, from left, Ryan Robinson and Dan Marsh, both 13, with manager and coach Dennis Robinson

A SUSPECTED sex offender found dead days after going missing from his home killed himself with his shotgun, an inquest heard.

Garry Foster, of Dudley, who had been wanted by West Midlands Police in connection with 'serious offences', pointed the weapon at his head and used a long twig to push the trigger.

A detective told Worcestershire Coroner's Court sitting in Stourport that he could not be sure if Mr Foster, a gardener from Linwood Road, knew he was wanted by police before he shot himself.

The 53-year-old was found on September 26 on the river bank at Grimley, near Claines, South Worcestershire, by people on a passing boat.

Senior coroner for Worcestershire Mr Geraint Williams heard police had discovered his vehicle, a Mitsubishi Pajero, on a car park 500 metres from where his body was found.

Detective Sergeant Stuart Hawkeswood, of Worcestershire CID, told the hearing that officers were satisfied the wound was self-inflicted.

"He had a long twig in his hand which he had used to push down the trigger," he said.

Det Sgt Hawkeswood said there were no indications anyone else had been involved.

"He knew people were aware of the allegations. It is



Garry Foster

not clear if he knew police were actively seeking him," he added.

Mr Williams said a post mortem had revealed the cause of death to be brain injury resultant from a gunshot injury. He concluded Mr Foster had committed suicide.

"He was not a stupid man and knew the consequences of using a shotgun," Mr Williams said. "I am satisfied he intended to take his own life."

Mr Foster's wife, June, refused to comment at the end of last week's hearing.

Psychic fair fundraiser

THE Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch will be among people attending a psychic fair on November 24 at The Saracen's Head in Dudley.

People are being invited to go along from 6pm in aid of the Mayor's charities, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and White House Cancer Support. Tickets are priced at £15 and include hot food. They are available from Laura Elisabeth Crafts on Stone Street or by calling 07412 531924.

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in brief

Chance to build new set of skills

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Panto trail bid to win show tickets

CHILDREN can take part in a pantomime trail when a town holds its Christmas lights switch-on event.

The event in Brierley Hill starts at noon on November 30. Anyone completing the trail, from 11.30am, can enter a draw to win tickets to the Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company panto Jack and the Beanstalk. Forms will be available at Brierley Hill Library on November 18.

Walks on the wild side of borough

THERE will be a walk around the Wrens Nest Nature Reserve on November 20 including a fossil hunt. Places should be booked on 01384 812785. There will be a winter wildlife walk around The Leasowes, Halesowen, on November 23 from 10am to noon. Book on 01384 814642.

Cheese and wine

MAYOR of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch hosts a cheese and wine evening in aid of his charities at Dudley Council House on December 3 from 7pm. Tickets cost £5 each available on 01384 815211.

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NEWS

**THE BEST
OF PETER
RHODES**

I REFERRED recently to the anonymous blogger Enlightenment who, secure in his secrecy, had a right old rant at me. Mr Enlightenment has now set up a Twitter page where, inexplicably, he uses his full name. Hi, Phil!

IT'S November and we are still picking fruit from the fig tree in our garden and have only just re-lit the solid-fuel boiler for the first time since April. If this is global warming, bring it on.

IT IS already passing into legend that the Met Office was dazzlingly successful in predicting Monday's storm. The millions of folk living in central England will disagree. The forecasters repeatedly predicted that the storm would "sweep through the Midlands." It did not. Yet even after the storm had passed, the BBC was still reporting that it had "swept through the Midlands." The BBC version is now on the internet for all eternity. So when your grandchildren ask you about the Great Storm of 2013 and you tell them it missed us by miles, they'll nod sadly and say: "Poor granddad. He's losing it."

BUT then the BBC is hardly in touch with the nation. Last week Auntie Beeb got a ticking-off for relegating the Royal christening to the final item in some bulletins. Even stranger was the lead story on the Radio 4 lunchtime news a few days ago. According to Auntie the biggest news story of the day was the death at 89 of the British sculptor Sir Anthony Caro. The people's broadcaster, eh?

WHAT do you dread most about the enforced companionship on trains? Is it crying babies, mobile-phone shouters, football fans or drunks? Prepare for a new horror. First Great Western has agreed to Hewlett Packard putting "brand ambassadors" on its trains to demonstrate their latest tablet computers to passengers. If a smiley-faced person with a tablet enters your carriage, I can only advise you to put on a football scarf, surround yourself with empty lager cans and start shouting into your mobile.

AFTER my item on smart meters a few days ago, a lady tells me she had one installed, along with a new "state-of-the-art" (i.e. rubbish) boiler. She's not sure which she hates the most, the boiler or the meter. She says: "I've only plugged the smart meter in twice. I don't need a sappy little screen to tell me how to save money and look after the planet. What was wrong with the old meter, with numbers I could read and understand?"

ANOTHER pointless leap forward for technology appears in a Christmas gift catalogue. It's an electronic key tag and fob designed for people who keep losing their keys. Simply fasten the tag to your keyring. If you lose the keys just press the electronic fob and it triggers an alarm on the tag. Brilliant – until you lose the fob.

MEMBERS of a works syndicate Bedford thought they had won £159,709 each on the National Lottery. Instead, owing to a miscalculation by Camelot, the jackpot worked out at £124,621 each. One member declares: "It has taken away the whole excitement of winning." Yeah. Getting £124,621 must be a real bummer.

FOUR hundred years after it was written, Shakespeare's gore-fest Titus Andronicus, with its storyline of mutilation and cannibalism, still has the power to turn the stomach. The current Royal Shakespeare Company production claimed a couple of victims in a single performance a few days ago. One member of the audience fainted, another projectile-vomited in the stairwell. What a great play.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Carer falsely claimed £28,000 in benefits

A BENEFITS cheat claimed almost £28,000 of taxpayers' money by saying that she was so disabled she needed care – despite actually being a carer herself in Halesowen, a court has heard.

Tina Potter pleaded guilty to dishonestly claiming £27,982 in disability benefits from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) despite working at the Everley Home For The Elderly, Lyde Green.

Mrs Kelly Crowe, prosecuting, told Sandwell Magistrates Court last week Potter made false claims from August 2008 until December 2012 while she was a senior in charge.

"But she claimed she was immobile or almost immobile and that

needed help from a person each night and needed help from another person throughout the day," Mrs Kelly said.

The DWP launched an investigation and the 50-year-old, of Meadow Walk, Cradley Heath, was charged with two counts of dishonesty making a false statement to obtain a benefit.

Mr Darryl Foster, defending, said: "Mrs Potter is an ill woman who was formally diagnosed with a condition in 2010.

"She was told by her doctor that the more she did the less impact she would have. That is why she continued working."

Sentencing was adjourned until November 25.

Planners turn down restaurant changes

A £200,000 revamp of a McDonald's restaurant, which would create up to 20 jobs, is under threat after planning permission was turned down.

Bosses want to create a dual lane drive-thru and overhaul the car park at the fast food site in Bromsgrove Road, Halesowen.

They say the scheme would reduce waiting times for customers and would also help to cut noise and congestion.

But planners at Dudley Council have refused their first application, saying the burger giant has failed to provide enough information on how noise levels would decrease and how the new layout would work.

McDonald's said it would work

with Dudley Council so that the application could be re-submitted.

A planning statement submitted by McDonald's said there would be a car park extension to accommodate the drive-thru layout, which would involve an additional order point.

The plans show the single lane traffic would split to provide a second lane so that side-by-side order points would be created.

Two residents in nearby Grange Road had objected to the plans fearing an increase in noise and litter. One wrote: "The current situation is already noisy from car doors banging, motorbike engines being revved, and loud shouting and music."

Reveller claims his drink was spiked

A MAN who smashed a glass-panelled door to a Dudley nightclub after being thrown out by bouncers had a gun claimed his drink was spiked by another reveller.

Craig Asbury, aged 26, punched the door and told door staff he was armed after being told he could not re-enter The Rock Zombie.

Asbury, of Tudor Court, Dudley Port, pleaded guilty to criminal damage when he appeared at Dudley Magistrates Court.

But in mitigation, his solicitor told magistrates Asbury could not remember the incident, believing his drink had been spiked in the club.

Mr Trevor Bytheway said: "He had a drink in Stourbridge then got a taxi back to Dudley where he met a number of men and they decided to go to a nightclub.

"He tells me he had one drink which he got himself, a lager and black, and half an hour later one of these men bought him a second drink. He believes it was spiked. Soon after, the man who got him the drink left the club with his rucksack and then he went outside to challenge the man. They had the argument and then he remembers very little. He did not have enough to make him think that drunk."

Mrs Sukhi Rai, prosecuting, said the criminal damage happened after midnight at the club in Kings Street on September 14. Magistrates adjourned the case for pre-sentence reports.

Chipping in for charity

FISH and chips will be served up in Stourbridge in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Fishermen's Mission.

Lucas Partali, of Wollaston Fish Bar, Bridgnorth, will be donating profits on Sunday to the RNLI. To celebrate the National Federation of Fish Friers Centenary, he will be taking part in its Chip In for Charity promotion by issuing 100 vouchers to pensioners entitling them to a fish and chip cone for £1 on Monday, in support of the mission.

He said: "We rely on fishermen to go out and catch the raw ingredients for us, but very seldom do we give a thought to just how dangerous a job they do."

Family recreate photo to mark 90th birthday

Birthday girl Beryl Brookes, seated right with family members, who gathered at Dudley Zoo for her 90th birthday to recreate a photograph taken in the 1800s of her mother's 21st



The original photograph taken at Dudley Zoo of Emily Maud Oakley's 21st birthday. She is at the centre of the group, flanked by her parents Sarah and Ben Oakley, and family members

A DAUGHTER who shared the same birthday as her mother has recreated a beloved family photo with family and friends to celebrate turning 90.

Avril Watkins came up with the unique way to mark her mother Beryl Brookes' birthday, inviting family and friends from all over the country to recreate the black and white photograph of Emily Maud Oakley, Beryl's mother and Avril's grandmother, on her 21st birthday in the 1800s, including visiting the same setting – Dudley Castle's courtyard.

They chose to recreate that photograph because Beryl, who lived for much of her life in Laurel Road, Dudley, had often spoke of it as one of her favourites. Her sister Marion Bradley, aged 86, was also able to take pride of place in the centre of the recreated version of the photo, although Beryl's other sister Bessie passed away three years ago aged 91.

After posing for photos, the entire family, some of whom had travelled from as far as Chichester and London, went for lunch together at Molineux Stadium.

Then they revisited the seats Beryl used to have with her late husband Alf, who died 13 years ago, in the Billy Wright stand to relive happy memories. They first met dancing at Dudley Town Hall in 1944.

Festivities

All of this was kept secret from the birthday girl, who still dances twice a week, until the celebration came around.

The only family member to miss out on the festivities was Robbie, their Jack Russell cross dog, 10, who had to stay at home.

Daughter Avril, who runs dance schools and Watkin's dance shoes with her husband Graham, said the idea had been three months in the planning.

The mother-of-two, aged 56, of Upper Gornal, said: "It was so nice and lucky we had autumn weather for it."

"The family came from all over the country. It's a tribute to mum that so many of her family made the effort to see her for her birthday."

The photograph features Beryl, her sister Marion Bradley, daughter Avril and son-in-law Graham, son Malcolm and daughter-in-law Jenny, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren, plus nephews and family members' partners.

The original photograph shows Beryl's mother, Emily Maud Oakley, at the centre of the group, flanked by her parents Sarah and Ben Oakley.

To the left is Emily's sister, Nelly, and brother, Sid, and to the right is a young man known as Tom who remains a mystery. The younger sisters are Marie, Ida and Dolly.

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Shop needs volunteers to put heart into work

A CHARITY is on the lookout for heroes who are all heart.

The British Heart Foundation is appealing for people to volunteer at its shop in High Street, Halesowen.

The 'Heart Heroes' would join the team selling clothes, shoes and accessories, window dressing and working behind the till.

Cathy Poultnay, area manager for BHF in the Midlands, said the roles could help people as they hunted for jobs and the work would look 'great' on a CV.

BHF shops in England and Wales has awarded 280 NVQs during this academic year, with another 450 staff and volunteers working towards the qualification. Volunteers come from all ages and backgrounds.

BHF shops have also just launched a partnership with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, making them an Approved Activity Provider. Young people can now use their time volunteering in BHF shops to work towards their award.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact shop manager Laura Caddington on 0121 585 0748 or by emailing H13@bfh.org.uk or by calling into the shop.

Performers shining out

TALENTED performers shone during a charity variety show, Shine, an evening of musical performances and entertainment, featuring people with learning disabilities at Dudley Town Hall.

More than £1,000 was raised for the Mayor of Dudley's charities, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and White House Cancer Support.

Among the highlights were of It's a Wonderful Life by Alex Johnson, the Sing and Sign Group from the Unicorn Centre, and of Bring Him Home by James Emtage, a member of Side by Side Theatre Company.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, said: "Shine was a wonderful and inspiring evening."

An energy sale

AS winter draws in and bills go up a charity that helps those struggling with bills plans to raise money for the worst affected. Lydia's House is hosting a sale at the United Church, Hagley Road, Halesowen, on Saturday between 11am and 2pm.

Calls to remove tree on historic glass cone



The small tree growing out of the cone

A SMALL tree is growing out of the side of the historic Red House Glass Cone again – prompting calls for it to be removed as soon as possible. Branches can be seen sprouting from the brickwork on one side of the grade II listed building in Wordsley.

Dudley Council will be carrying out work to remove the tree but will need to get permission from English Heritage before it can start. Ward councillor John Jones said he wanted the work to be done soon because of fears the branches could damage the fabric of the building which is around 220 years old.

Council bosses said airborne seeds were possibly to blame for the growth.

It comes after a similar tree had to be removed by specialist contractors ahead of the International Festival of Glass when thousands of visitors were due to descend on Stourbridge in August last year.

There was also a similar problem in 2008

when a cherry picker had to be used. Councillor Jones said he was keen to see the tree removed, adding: "I will be contacting the council about this. I want to make sure this gets sorted as soon as possible."

"There have been concerns that these trees could cause damage to the cone."

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "We are aware of another sapling growing from the Red House Glass Cone and will be speaking to English Heritage to obtain the appropriate advice and permissions associated with a scheduled ancient monument."

Protect

"It is difficult to completely protect buildings from this happening, as tree seeds are often airborne."

Work is currently nearing completion on a two-year project to improve the glass cone site.

The redevelopment work has included the

transformation of storage areas to new studio spaces, the conversion of the old Stuart Factory shop into the Stourbridge Crystal Gift Centre and the introduction of a coffee shop back on site.

Councillor Wood added: "The improvement work has taken nearly two years to complete and there is still some work to do with the conversion of one final studio and modifications to the power supply."

"Costs for all work will be recouped over a two-year period from the leases of the 19 thriving businesses now on site with final costs expected to come in at around £80,000."

The Red House Glass Cone was built at the end of the 18th century and was used for manufacturing glass until 1936.

Reaching 100ft, glass cones were commonplace in the Stourbridge area at the time. Today, the cone at Wordsley is one of only four left in the country.

NEWS

in brief

Bag pack efforts help raise £284

THE first citizen of Dudley borough gave a helping hand to Tesco shoppers raising nearly £300 for his chosen charities.

Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, and Mayoress Mrs Heather Finch, were among a group of 14 volunteers from White House Cancer Support and students studying for Duke of Edinburgh awards.

The £284 raised will contribute to the mayor's chosen charities this year – Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and White House Cancer Support. The mayor thanked the volunteers and customers and added: "I am very grateful to Tesco Burnt Tree for allowing us to help bag pack for shoppers."

Where there's a will there's funds

SOLICITORS in Halesowen will write your will for free this month. They will invite you to donate the money to Will Aid – a charity scheme designed to get more people to write their will and to raise funds for charities.

All the money donated is shared by Action Aid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Save the Children, Sight Savers, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N Ireland). The suggested donation is £90 for a single will, £135 for a pair of mirror wills.

The solicitors taking part are Jordans branches in Summer Hill, Halesowen, and Payne Street, Blackheath, and Quality Solicitors Talbots, Hagley Road, Halesowen.

Temporary bus while library shut

A TEMPORARY service has been set up for residents while a library gets a five-figure revamp.

Cradley Library closed on Monday for five weeks of roof repair work. It will re-open on December 9.

The temporary service will run on Mondays from 9am to noon, Wednesdays from 9am to 1pm, Thursdays from 2 to 5pm and Fridays 9am to 1pm until December 6.

Talk on Victoria

A LOOK at Victorian England will place at the Black Country Living Museum on November 27 where the Black Country Society welcomes Helen Rappaport for a talk entitled Magnificent Obsession – Victoria, Albert and the Death That Changed The Monarchy. It starts at 7.30pm. Admission is £1.50.

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ANDREWS

PITY the poor residents of Milton Keynes. Not only do they have to endure some of Britain's most unappealing architecture but the town is now going to be the testbed for an interesting new experiment in transportation.

The £65m scheme, remember that when they say there is no money to open your old railway line, will see self-driving electric cars whizzing around the town at speeds of up to 12mph.

Better than that, their navigation will be controlled by a smartphone app as they run along the pavements. So pedestrians in a busy town centre will in future have to share the footpath with driverless electric cars controlled entirely by mobile phone signals. What could possibly go wrong?



CASHING in on the success of the hit BBC2 period gang drama, enterprising members of the Digbeth Residents Association have started organising Peaky Blinders tours.

No matter that the show was filmed predominantly in Leeds, Liverpool and Dudley. Or that it was set not in Digbeth, but Small Heath. Visitors from as far afield as London, Suffolk and Scotland have been queuing up to spend an hour seeing sights such as the old Typhoo factory, and hear colourful tales about pitched gang battles, turf wars, or folk smoking at Digbeth coach station. Actually, I might have made one of those up, but you get the drift. Still if Digbeth can be turned into a tourist magnet, there's hope for us all.



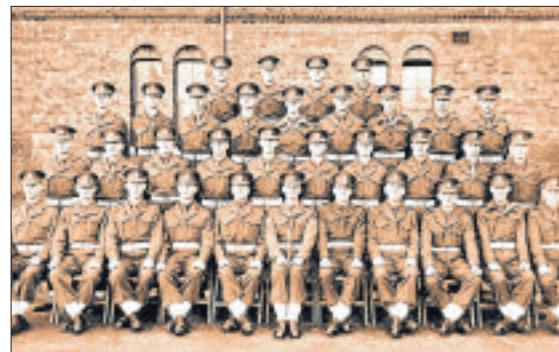
YET what is really sad, as the Black Country celebrates bonfire night, is that so many people seem to be unaware of the central role this area played in the Gunpowder Plot.

Holbeche House in Wall Heath, just outside Dudley, was the home of Stephen Lyleton, one of the conspirators. It was there, after the plot had failed, that the fugitives took refuge. It was at Holbeche House where some of the plotters blew themselves to bits while drying their gunpowder by the fire. As you do.

And it was at Holbeche House where the last few stragglers were rounded up. You might now be thinking 'Really? When can we visit this place?'. Well, sadly, you can't.

Holbeche House is now a nursing home. A very good nursing home, no doubt, and no reasonable person would decry the important work such institutions perform. But if Holbeche House had been in London, would it have ever been converted for such use?

Did it never cross anybody's mind that it should have been turned into a museum? So while coachloads of tourists flock to see the back streets of inner city Birmingham on the basis of a spurious link to a BBC2 drama series, one of the most significant sites of British history is all but forgotten.



Military service – Lewis Lowe, second row from top, fourth from the right



Lead Admiral nurse Ben Upton talks to Lewis Lowe's daughter Jane

Nurses who help to turn life around

Support group was lifeline in family's struggle to cope with disease. LOUISE JEW spoke to them

GREAT grandmother Maureen Lowe was at her 'wits' end' when she and her daughter struggled into a day centre with her beloved husband Lewis after years of coping with the heartbreaking ravages of his dementia.

Normally 'lovely, helpful and caring', Lewis Lowe had increasingly grown aggressive towards his wife, often did not even recognise her and went off wandering the streets, leading to the police being called four times to find him.

Then, in a chance encounter at the Bretell Lane Day Centre in Amblecote, Stourbridge, a year ago they came across 'a breath of fresh air' – in the form of an Admiral Nurse working for the Royal British Legion.

She told them that, thanks to two years of National Service completed by Lewis when he was in the military police in the early 1950s, he qualified for help from the Royal British Legion Admiral Nurse Service, which works with Dementia UK.

Support

That was the turning point for 79-year-old Maureen, of Twickenham Court, Wollaston, Stourbridge.

She and daughter, Jane Powell, 56, realised that they were not alone and could get expert support in planning the best path for them and Lewis, now aged 81.

"That day, we'd had a particularly awful morning getting my dad to the day centre and mum and I were at our wits' end," said Jane, of Gregory Road, Wollaston.

"The Admiral Nurse, Lucy Chamberlain, came across me and mum in pieces



Anna Powell, Lewis Lowe, daughter Jane Powell and Maureen

in reception and she asked if dad had been in the forces. She was like a breath of fresh air."

By the time the Admiral Nurses became involved, Lewis' condition had deteriorated so badly he barely recognised Maureen, to whom he will have been married 60 years in 2014.

Maureen, who suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, was finding it difficult physically and emotionally to cope with caring for her husband, and daughter Jane was depressed amid the turmoil created by his condition.

But, with the help of the Admiral Nurses, mother and daughter managed to tackle the challenges of Lewis' condition at home until eventually he needed to be taken to Bushey Fields Hospital, Dudley, under a section of the Mental Health Act. The team, one of the British Legion services funded by the annual

Poppy Appeal, then helped to select the best care home for Lewis – and he moved into Woodford Nursing Home in Trussell, near Wolverhampton, at the end of December.

The Admiral team also supported the family as they dealt with feelings of anger and misplaced guilt at seeing Lewis move into a care home.

Settled

Jane said: "The team was a godsend to us. Lucy helped us at just the right time as we were sinking fast, not knowing what we should do."

"Now my dad is settled in a good care home and we are so grateful for everything Lucy and the team did for us."

Lewis, a supervisor for Prudential Assurance for 32 years, was diagnosed with vascular dementia in 2009 after he began behaving out of character. Maureen said: "Lewis was always lovely,



Mr Lowe, aged 18, in the military police

helpful and caring, although he could be strong-willed.

"Now I visit Lew three or four times a week – some days he's fantastic, but he still has some bad days."

In the 12 months since being set up, the three-person team of nurses – Lucy Chamberlain, Cathy Forman and manager Ben Upton – have helped more than 170 families.

Ben said: "Our nurses have supported families through the journey of dementia – from providing education at the point of diagnosis, to helping the family achieve their wishes when their loved one is placed in care or with end of life decisions."

To qualify for support, the person with dementia or the carer needs to be a beneficiary of the legation.

Call 0121 456 9491 for advice.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

A SAVE the pinta campaign was launched in the Midlands, with Co-operative societies being urged to write to their MP about the threat from imported UHT milk. The Co-operative Union said if imported milk flooded the shops at initially low prices, it could wipe out the doorstep delivery service.

THIS is what you call a dead-end job – a theatre was looking for an actor to play a corpse. Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre was seeking somebody to play the part of the murder victim in Tom Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound*. The candidate would be expected to lie motionless for 70 minutes, and would be paid £4.68 per performance.

A BONFIRE party at a children's home was cancelled because of a strike. The party at Braybrook House Children's Home in Wednesfield was scrapped because members of the Nalgo Union were involved in a pay dispute.

1993...

WOLVERHAMPTON had been identified as a possible site for a new factory belonging to German car giant Mercedes-Benz. A 200-acre site next to the M54 at Peneford was on a shortlist of possible sites for the Stuttgart-based engineering company. Mercedes was looking to build a £700 million factory which would build 200,000 small cars a year.

OUTSPOKEN television doctor Vernon Coleman was banned from late-night debating show Central Weekend after a four-letter outburst live on air. Dr Coleman let rip during a debate among medical experts about the anti-depressant Prozac. Initially he branded the drug 'crap' and shouted 'morons' at two guests, but his language became more explicit towards the end of the debate. The shows presenters made an on-air apology but Dr Coleman was unrepentant.

2003...

THE owner of a G-registered Austin Maestro spoke of her shock at receiving a speeding ticket accusing her of driving at 480mph. Joanne James, who paid £100 for the car, was allegedly clocked when she drove along a road in Bridgend, south Wales. Husband Kenneth joked: "I am waiting for NASA to ring up for the diagram of the engine."

IT WAS the end of the cul-de-sac for Liverpool soap opera Brookside, which drew to a close after 21 years. The drama, one of the first programmes to be shown on the new Channel 4 at its launch, welcomed back original cast member Paul Usher as bad-boy Barry Grant, for the final instalment.

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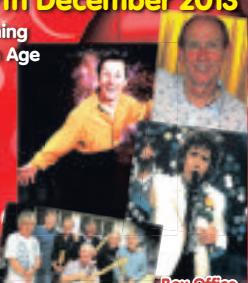
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Are our councillors qualified?

ARE we in safe hands? Once again Dudley Council leaders inform us that they have to make £32 million in cuts and we can expect hard times ahead. But are our councillors qualified to steer us through these hard times and are we really in safe hands?

For instance, does Councillor Peter Lowe, deputy leader of the ruling Labour Council and head of finance, have any cost and management accountancy qualifications or is he a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants? If not, how can he possibly be expected to adequately lead the management of Dudley's multi-million pound finances and make qualified decisions on our behalf?

It's a sad thing to say, but if people go

The need for Hippodrome

I'M sorry, but Brian Osborne's letter (October 31) disturbed me. The zoo needs to spend money to provide decent food for tourists and their suggestion of a second museum was uninspired.

Money would also make their exotic animals more comfortable and thus be more pleasant for the daytime visitors.

The look of the Hippodrome from the outside is just cosmetic, but the inside is irreplaceable in terms of pleasure and enjoyment and education.

How short sighted not to see how an evening venue would complement the zoo.

B HALL
Dudley

Tikka? No thanks

DON'T we have enough eaters in Dudley town centre? I would have thought so, but as well as all the regular ones, we now have Tikka portable vehicles positioned at each end of the Churchill Centre. Whatever is Dudley Council thinking of to allow these to trade here?

L SHELDON
Dudley

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How to avoid cuts in jobs and services

THERE are two solutions to avoid any cuts in council jobs and services. The first one is to increase council tax in the upper bands only. Leaving bands A, B, C and D alone, band E should rise by 25 per cent, band F by 50 per cent, band G by 75 per cent and band H by 100 per cent. This is fair, as those who can afford it most, pay more.

Any who fall on hard times can still apply for council tax reduction or exemption bearing in mind that this is a long winded process and requires many original documents for proof of entitlement.

The second method is for Dudley Council to take control of all government based taxation in the areas of Dudley, Stourbridge and Halesowen. All VAT, income tax, national insurance, fuel tax and any other London based deductions should instead be collected by Dudley to replace the gross underfunding of essential services including the NHS.

It is only fair that since central government won't now pay out enough for what's needed, the difference should be deducted locally. Problem solved? What do readers think of these two solutions?

S WARNER, Halesowen

LETTERS

Car parking around zoo

ON reading how JBs had its plans rejected by the council to expand with a change of use for conferences & banquets, due to parking issues.

I refer you to a Press article from February 14, 2008, Nightclub Under Threat, where Peter Sudcock said JBs and Gala were not in his short term plans, but there was a legal agreement for both buildings to use the car park. Since that report both buildings have changed ownership and the recent comment from Peter Sudcock states there was never an agreement to use the car park as it had restricted opening. It explains why the council bought the Gala as the zoo's plans are its plans in what is supposed to be a conservation area.

I ROBINSON
Tividale

Travel costs hit incomes

THERE have been many vituperative comments about the unemployed being lazy, feckless and refusing jobs. Some cases may be justified; the majority are not as travel to work expenses alone could amount to 25 per cent of net income.

A courier friend drove a return trip from Cannock to Southend from 2am to 10.30am and it cost £15 in diesel. The agency paid him £42. So he had the sum of £27 for the job.

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NEWS FEATURE

It's a beautiful life for stars of MTV fame game

BEAUTY may be only skin deep but for two image obsessed young people from the Black Country they hope the perfect look will bring them TV fame.

Former Tipton Carnival Princess Sasha Jones, aged 18, has 17 wigs and once went to her school prom in a glass carriage. She is joining fellow image-driven Daniel Jarroffe from Coseley, on MTV's new reality TV show - Beauty School Cop Outs.

Daniel, aged 22, admits to downing up to seven protein shakes a day (his friends call him protein boy) and going for sunbed sessions while fitting in the obligatory visit to the gym in his quest to achieve the perfect body.

Sasha meanwhile admits having a fascination with wigs and hopes to become a make up artist to the stars.

Clothes

The teenager, who says she is obsessed with Marilyn Monroe, admits she is 'high maintenance' and has always loved being in the limelight since she was named Tipton Rosebud in 2002 and Tipton Princess two years later. She even went to her school prom at Alexandra High School in Tipton in a glass horse-drawn carriage wearing a dress that had eight underskirts.

Sasha was spotted by producers at Birmingham's Gay Pride and encouraged to apply for the series. And it proved a dream ticket as it combines her ambition to be on TV with her love of beauty products.

Daniel previously worked in mobile phone and clothes shops and admits he struggled to find a direction in life. But he is now ready to climb the beauty industry ladder with the skills he picked up from the team of experts involved in the show.

He said: "Everyone says I was never destined for the nine to five jobs, so



Sacha, 18, on Beauty School Cop Outs
when I saw the advert I knew I had to apply for the show. It has been an amazing experience and it has been such a laugh, but it has been the hardest job I have ever had.

"I was struggling to find my niche but I know that I want to do this for life now. I am vain and I do love myself and I always thought that the beauty industry could be right up my street."

As well as his strict beauty regime he wears tight ladies vests and says his theory is that 'women can wear make-up and have beauty treatments to enhance their features, so why can't men?'

He reckons everyone is jealous of his body which he perfects by visiting the Figures Gym in Sedgley at least once every day. The former pupil of



Dormston School is single and says: "I want girls to want to marry me and lads to want to be me."

Sasha says: "Everyone always told me that I should be on TV so I was so grateful to be given the chance."

The show aired for the first time on Tuesday and the series will follow the pair as they learn the tricks of the beauty trade at a school in Manchester.

Sasha joined parents Bryn, 38, and Allison, 40, grandmother Josie, 65, and brother Grant, 15, at home in Great Meadow to watch the first episode.

Bodyguard, tattooist and doorman Bryn also featured in the show, in the first episode saying: "If somebody fancies Sacha they're going to have to treat her with respect – otherwise they're going to have to answer to me."

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NEWS

Claims chaos of lead to review of road changes

RESIDENTS have won their bid for a fresh consultation over changes to a busy Dudley road which they claim has caused traffic chaos on neighbouring streets near a popular park.

Speeds could be cut to 20mph on roads around Buffery Park, under council proposals revealed following concerns.

Campaigners fear for the safety of children wanting to play at the park after councillors agreed to shut Blackacre Road during a trial period.

Councillors decided to shut it to through traffic after residents in the street claimed their quality of life was being affected by motorists using it as a 'rat run'.

More than 6,000 motorists a day would use the road as they made for Dudley Southern Bypass during the morning and evening commutes.

Last year barriers and signs were installed in Blackacre Road to stop motorists driving along the road as part of a temporary traffic order.

Looking

But residents on side roads claimed they were not consulted and said the order made the issue worse by sending traffic along the narrower side streets around the park.

Now officials have sanctioned a new consultation. Dudley Council's transport boss, Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, said: "We are looking to work with the community to find a solution."

Resident Duncan Petford said: "We are pleased they have reopened the consultation and we see it as a victory for local democracy."

Highways officials have drawn up new proposals to scrap the existing closure in favour of speed bumps. Give-way junctions would also be installed in Douglas Road.

The consultation runs until Monday. Details can be found at www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/parking-roads/travel-and-transport/local-transport-policy/trafficschemes or by calling 0300 555 2345.

Kieran's charitable effort

A SCHOOLBOY has been doing his bit for a good cause by hosting a week of fundraising at a pub in Rowley Regis.

Kieran Corcoran is raising money for Help Harry Help Others and has been selling charity bracelets at his mother's pub, The Bell and Bear.

The 13-year-old, who attends Hagley RC High School, has also completed a sponsored walk and people are now invited to drop in to the pub and lend their support to the fundraising efforts.

Walk

His mother Steph Cox, who is landlady at the Gorsty Hill Road pub, said: "He sells bracelets in the pub, he has had a pack so people can make their own bracelets."

"He did a sponsored walk with my husband a couple of weeks ago and raised over £100."

An exercise bike has been installed at the pub where customers have paid £3 to cycle the minimum of a mile in contribution to the total.

"Anyone who wants to support the fundraising can make a donation at the pub."



Kieran Corcoran with his brother, Patrick Corcoran, 22, and trustee Tim Andrews

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Sited on Sedgley Road West in Tipton, the founder and company Managing Director Nathan Beddows started the business from scratch at the early age of 19 working out of the very same premises as he does today. He explains his passion:

"I cannot stress enough how much pride we take in every window, door, conservatory, orangery we manufacture and install."

With its roots in manufacturing, the business started more than 19 years ago, and right from the very start an emphasis has been placed on supplying only the finest and most energy-efficient products, but still remaining affordable.

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"For some customers we supply new windows and doors, for others we provide a complete home improvement service from building extensions and fitting kitchens, to designing and

installing conservatories and more recently Orangeries," says Nathan.

One tremendously satisfied customer is Rick Houghton. Having being recommended to Choices Windows by colleagues at work he employed them to carry out extensive work at his home, he is keen to share his experiences and commend the team involved.

"Every stage of the process was excellently planned and we received nothing but the best service from start to finish. The tradesmen were outstanding and we were so impressed that we handed over our keys and went on holiday whilst the work was being carried out."

Rick and his family were absolutely thrilled and utterly delighted with the results on their return.

"We are so grateful to Nathan and his team for transforming our home into something we could only have dreamed of," remarked Rick.

Keen to keep ahead in the style stakes, Nathan is ever aware of the latest designs, materials and colours on offer, and strives to make these available to his customers.

"Many people are now opting for stylish coloured PVC-U, influenced by timeless muted 'National Trust' tones. Sage green, gun metal grey and cream are all becoming very fashionable alongside the traditional clean bright white," explains Nathan.

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THE WAY I SEE IT

Education needs to be borough's top priority

I'VE always said that education needs to be the number one priority for our area.

Education is an issue that comes up time and time again when I speak to people about the future of our town. People worry about how our young people are going to get the education and skills they need to get jobs in the future.

We all know the economy in this area has changed over the last few decades. Much of the traditional industry on which the area's prosperity was based has been lost. Many of those jobs have gone to other countries.

In future we've got to compete for jobs in new high-tech industries that require highly skilled workers. That's why education has to be our number one priority.

Dudley has to become known as the best place in the country to go and set up a high-tech manufacturing business and recruit highly skilled young people. At the moment England is falling behind in international league tables for basic maths and literacy. We need radical action to reverse this trend, so I stood up in Parliament last Wednesday to call for new policies that will make sure our young people get the best education possible.

I want schools in the Black Country to sign up to an ambitious target for improving education in the region. Let's commit to the sharpest rise in school results of any region in the country. We need this sort of radical action to give pupils in Dudley better chances. Our young people are as good as anyone and they deserve the same chances as people elsewhere.

It's important to remember that Dudley has some of the best schools in the region. Let's commit to the sharpest rise in school results of any region in the country.



Dudley North Labour MP
Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

There's no reason why three quarters of students in the Black Country shouldn't be getting five good GCSEs.

I know that it's possible to hit these targets because heads in Dudley are turning schools around. Look at Ellowes Hall where the brilliant Andy Griffiths has focused on standards and discipline to double the number of students getting good grades. Results are also improving at schools like Dormston under Ben Stitchman, Castle High under Michelle King and Bishop Milner under Steve Haywood.

We need more great school heads like these, and it's the best teachers that make the best heads, so let's raise the status of teaching and expand the Teach First scheme that brings the brightest graduates into Dudley's classrooms.

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It's important to remember that Dudley has some of the best schools in the region. Let's commit to the sharpest rise in school results of any region in the country.

As they stand, the plans would force victims of crime, witnesses, magistrates, the police and court volunteers to travel to courts in Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Walsall instead. Dudley would become the largest town in the UK without a criminal court, damaging our town centre and ending local justice.

The plans are only being reviewed because local people made clear they wanted them dropped and magistrates in particular spoke out against the plans. I want to thank again everyone who signed my petition or wrote in to the official consultation.

Unfortunately, the court is still under threat, and we have to keep campaigning until the plans are dropped for good. I'm going to continue fighting on this issue. I'll be presenting our petition in Parliament and I'm calling for an urgent meeting with Justice Secretary Chris Grayling to make sure local people's concerns are heard at the very top.

In the last fortnight, more energy companies have pushed up prices by up to 10 per cent. Prices and bills

keep going up but wages stay the same.

Under this Government, prices have risen faster than wages for 38 out of the last 39 months, leaving the average family in Dudley £1,500 a year worse off.

Energy bills have gone up by £300 a year since 2010. Businesses say it's the biggest cost they face. At same time Britain's big six energy companies have seen their profits rise by a massive £3.3 billion.

In Europe inflation is falling thanks to lower energy costs. Here in Britain prices are rising at a rate almost four times faster than elsewhere in Europe and energy bills are soaring.

It's time David Cameron took action to tackle his cost-of-living crisis, which has left working people an average of £1,500 a year worse off since he came to office. But instead of helping ordinary families by backing Labour's plan to freeze energy prices and reform the market, he's decided to take the side of the energy companies.

The next Labour Government will set up a new tough regulator to stop overcharging. We'll implement an immediate two-year of gas and electricity prices, saving a typical household £120 and an average business £1,800.

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Burglar knew disabled victim was not at home

A BURGLAR who deliberately targeted a disabled woman's home has been jailed for a year.

Christopher Cooper knew his victim and knew that her Netherton home would be empty when he broke in, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting, said the woman had left her home on May 31.

"When she returned home on the Sunday she found the rear window smashed," Mr Rees said. She found the burglar had stolen two televisions, a laptop, jewellery, cash and a coin collection worth £660.

Cooper, of Copse Road, Netherton, was caught after his blood was found at the scene. He was arrested and admitted the offence, saying he had sold the goods to pay a debt.

Relapse

Mr Rees said: "He knew the woman would not be home, and he saw that as an opportunity. He knew the property was empty as he knew the victim to talk to."

The court heard none of the property has been recovered. Cooper, 42, pleaded guilty to one count of burglary.

Mr Simon Williams, defending, said: "This offence was committed for one reason, and one reason only. Back in December 2012 he has had a relapse and started taking drugs again. This meant he started to get into debt. He is disgusted with himself."

Judge Robin Onions told Cooper he had a 'dreadful' record for committing offences.

He said: "It is perfectly clear your drug abuse had meant you were in debt and you had to pay that debt. You made a conscious decision to burglar a dwelling house.

"You knew the complainant and knew that she was away."

Sound of performersPERFORMERS are needed for a production of The Sound of Music. For details of the auditions by Quarry Bank Musical Theatre Society go to www.qbmts.org.uk

Awards with 'wow' factor

THEY have been made in the Black Country to celebrate sporting achievements of people in the region. And tomorrow (Friday) the winners of this year's Black Country Sport & Physical Activity Awards will be able to get their hands on the glass sculptures created to mark their success.

The event at the Copthorne Hotel, Dudley, celebrates unsung athletes, trainers and sport clubs. The sculptures for the winners, have been made at the Red Rose Glass Cone, Wordsley.

Charlotte Hughes-Martin spent 21 hours creating them, each one taking 90 minutes.

Mrs Hughes-Martin, 35, from Upper Gornal, said: "It is great that the making of the awards is kept in the Black Country, they were made only two miles from where they'll be handed out."

"It took a lot of hard work to create the trophies but once they're finished you just hope people take a look at them and think 'wow'".

Brierley Hill-based Black Country BeActive is hosting the event, supported by the Express & Star, the University of Wolverhampton, BBC WM and Wolves Community Trust.



Hours of work – Charlotte Hughes-Martin making one of the flame awards

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Awards honour those hospital workers who go that bit extra

HOSPITAL staff who go the extra mile to help patients and colleagues have been honoured.

Workers were praised for their hard work and dedication to their jobs at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust's annual Committed to Excellence Awards.

Teams and individuals based both in the hospital and out in the community were presented with awards by directors of the trust and senior members of staff, as well as Heart FM presenter Ed James. Among the winners was play specialist Ruth Russell who works on Ward C2. She

received an Unsung Hero award for her 'years of devotion and dedication to her job and fundraising for the children's ward.'

Ward sister Louise Timmins was given the Excellence in Patient Care award for her 'exceptional ability to care for and inspire her magnificent team', the judges said. The Excellence in Service Improvement went to the midwifery-led unit team for their work helping mothers-to-be.

Andrea Batty, lead midwife for the unit, said: "This award is a real testament to the team, but also to the whole of the unit, so I want to say well done to all of them." Also recognised was consultant chemical pathologist Dr Mourad Labib whose

career has spanned almost a quarter of a century and included leading pioneering research into obesity and developing a test for the 'fat gene'.

He received the Alf Edwards Award, named after the Trust's former chairman, for his 'invaluable contribution'.

Dr Labib said: "I feel touched and honoured to receive this award. "I would like to say that any achievements I have made over the last 24 years would not have been possible without the excellent teams I've worked with." Chief Executive Paula Clark said: "These awards recognise dedicated teams and individuals in both clinical and non-clinical areas."



First place – winner of the Unsung Hero Clinical title Ruth Russell picks up her award from Ed James and Paula Clark



Full list of winners

Team Excellence

Winner – Leg Ulcer Clinic; 2nd – Vascular Multi Disciplinary Team; 3rd – Ward C8

Excellence Service Improvement

Winner – Midwifery-led Unit Team; 2nd – Pre-operative Assessment Service; 3rd – Stroke Multi Disciplinary Team

Unsung Hero – Clinical

Winner – Ruth Russell, Play Specialist, Ward C2; 2nd – Pauline Forde, Infant Feeding Supporter; 3rd – Veronika Kay, Staff Nurse, Interventional Imaging Department

Unsung Hero – Non Clinical

Winner – Ed Shovelton, Dr Alf Edwards Award

Undergraduate Video Manager; 2nd – Dave Clements, Equipment Technician; 3rd – Mike Platt, Siemens

IT Department Excellence in Patient Care

Winner – Louise Timmins, Sister, Ward A2; 2nd – Nicola Griffiths, Senior Nurse Practitioner; 3rd – Paul Smith, Higher Clinical Support Worker, Emergency Department

Rising Stars

Dr Adam Seccombe; Dr Sophie Maxwell; Elena Peris-Cross; Natalie Williams

Campagners in fear of deaths at crash blackspot

CAMPAGNERS in Pedmore, Stourbridge, fear someone will be killed unless new signs are installed to halt a spate of car crashes at an accident blackspot.

Residents of Worcester Lane are campaigning for the signs after a third smash at the site within three weeks. They are calling for urgent work to improve safety on the road, which runs alongside a busy railway line.

The stark warning comes as many campaigners say they will write to voice their concerns over the recent accidents in the lane.

Cars have overturned on the road, narrowly missing trees lining the street carrying motorists between West Hagley and Stourbridge.

In the most recent accident, last Wednesday lunchtime, a car left the road and overturned, although the driver avoided serious injury.

Just days earlier, police and paramedics were called as a car careered off the road and smashed through a fence next to a railway embankment.

Residents claim accidents have been a constant problem on the road but have intensified recently, forcing an urgent rethink on safety.

Worcester Lane resident Jim Higgs, aged 86, said he was aware of dozens of acci-



Councillor Colin Wilson
dents in the road over the 40 years he had lived there. "We have collected petitions in the past to no avail as nothing's been done," he said.

"You wouldn't like to know what would happen if someone was walking past at the time."

Ward councillor Colin Wilson has campaigned for speed-calming measures in the past and was successful with having flashing speed indicator signs installed.

He says he will make contact with the Dudley Council's highways team to insist that the signs are re-installed.

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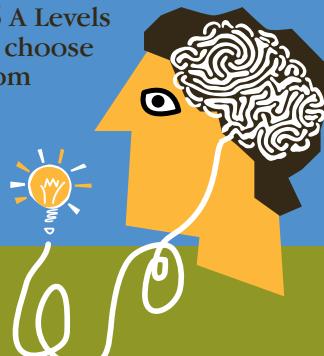
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Two care homes closing in bid to save £500,000

TWO care homes will shut in Dudley as part of the latest round of closures of council-run homes in a bid to save £500,000.

New Swinfen Hall, in Stourbridge, and New Bridge House, in Coseley, will close next April under a review of adult social care by Dudley Council. Both house respite care beds for the rehabilitation of elderly patients for around six weeks. The plan is expected to save £515,000.

Moved

Under the change, 18 beds at New Swinfen Hall and 14 beds at New Bridge House will be moved to the last remaining council-run home, Russell Court, in Dudley.

Officials say there will be no compulsory redundancies as council staff would be given the option to transfer. But no such guarantee has been given over the futures of agency workers at the two homes.

Dudley Council adult services boss, Councillor Dave Branwood, said the authority was now 'exploring the options' regarding future use of the two buildings. The shake-up plans had initially been revealed two years ago, prompting a public outcry, especially from the families of residents living at another home under threat, New Bradley Hall, in Kingswinford.

But councillors backtracked on proposals to shut New Bradley and announced plans to transfer the care home, in Compton Drive, to a new 'not-for-profit' organisation.

Zoo on Poppy Day duty



Senior keeper Sophie Dugmore gets a little help with her poppy from cheeky small primates in Lemur Wood at Dudley Zoo

STAFF at Dudley Zoo will join the nation in observing two minutes silence across the 40-acre site on Remembrance Sunday.

Zoo boss Peter Sudcock said: "When World War Two broke out in 1939 Dudley Zoo had been open to the public for just over two years and many male members of staff were called up to join the conflict."

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Mr Sudcock will lay a wreath on behalf of DZG at the town's cenotaph, in Ednam Road, following the annual civic Remembrance Day service and parade.

Chance to shape up

FITNESS fans can tone up for Christmas with a membership offer available at leisure centres. Dudley Council is running the offer until January 10 at the Crystal, Dudley and Halesowen leisure centres and The Dell Stadium.

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Stuart Baggott, from Brierley Hill, who has lost part of his collection of remote control vehicles, destroyed after a stray firework set his shed alight

Firework wrecks collection

THOUSANDS of pounds worth of remote control cars have been destroyed after a stray firework set a shed on fire.

Fire crews were able to rescue six of the cars from the shed at the height of the blaze in Brierley Hill.

But up to six others were wrecked and other vital parts for the cars were badly damaged in the fire on Saturday night.

Spray paint cans and a compressor were also destroyed in the fire.

Owner Stuart Baggott, aged 40, of Fisher Street, estimates the damage to be worth more than £3,000 in total.

He said a stray firework landed between the shed and a nearby fence, which caught fire.

The blaze then spread to the shed, which has a metal shell, but part of the roof material started to melt, setting fire to the contents at around 9pm.

Engines

Mr Baggott said he had been in Blackpool with his son Steven at the time of the fire and had received a call from his parents Margaret and Cedric telling him what had happened.

Mr Baggott said he was still 'picking up the pieces' following the blaze.

"I used to do model car racing," he said. "These models run on petrol and have mini-chainsaw

engines and are priced at more than £800. I could not believe what happened when I was told by my parents."

"The shed was broken into a couple of years back so I had reinforced it but it was still not enough to stop the fire spreading inside."

Watch commander Mick Clarke, from Brierley Hill fire station, said: "At first you couldn't see the fire but as we approached there was smoke."

"We did our best to save six of the cars but I'm afraid the rest were damaged along with all the spare parts that they need to run them and the welding equipment."

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Beating a path to Beatties' first shop at Townwell Fold

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walked past gardens of properties fronting Cock Street (Victoria Street) on your left, with, on the right, the Cock Bowling Green. The Cock was a long-established Inn going back to at least the early 1500s.

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Close. Being next to these facilities, there might well have been wool and cloth trades workers present in the buildings.

The town's 1802 Trade Directory showed metal craftsmen trading in the Fold, but also a tanner and a currier (who dressed and coloured leather after tanning) – by 1861 we had Skinner Street – and there was still a wool connection at No. 6, described as a 'weaving shop'.

The Fold had branches off, such as Giffard Arms Yard, and spread as far as Salop Street.

Gradual redevelopment and ownership changes led to Beatties being the main frontage.

James Beattie had opened his first shop in Victoria Street in

1877, and the success of the business meant expansion, buying adjoining properties.

Walk around the store and go up and down steps to different levels – you may be entering Bradford's, which fronted Darlington Street, Burton's menswear in the 1932 Queen Square corner building with its elephants (look up between the windows), or into the shell of the Picturehouse Cinema, now haberdashery.

This closed when the 'Talkies' were coming in, and the council widened Victoria Street, in 1929, and so Beatties built their grand new frontage.

The crescent continued to ground floor level, where an arcade led through to the Fold in

Their frontage to the Fold, if refurbished, with entrances reopened and windows becoming displays again, could spark others to bring property back into use, and the council to improve and promote this once popular public route and reminder of the wool and cloth trade that made the town wealthy.

For further information read The Folds of Wolverhampton published by Brewin Books and log onto www.wolverhampton-folds.co.uk a website to inform people, promote the Folds and encourage their improvement, development and further use.

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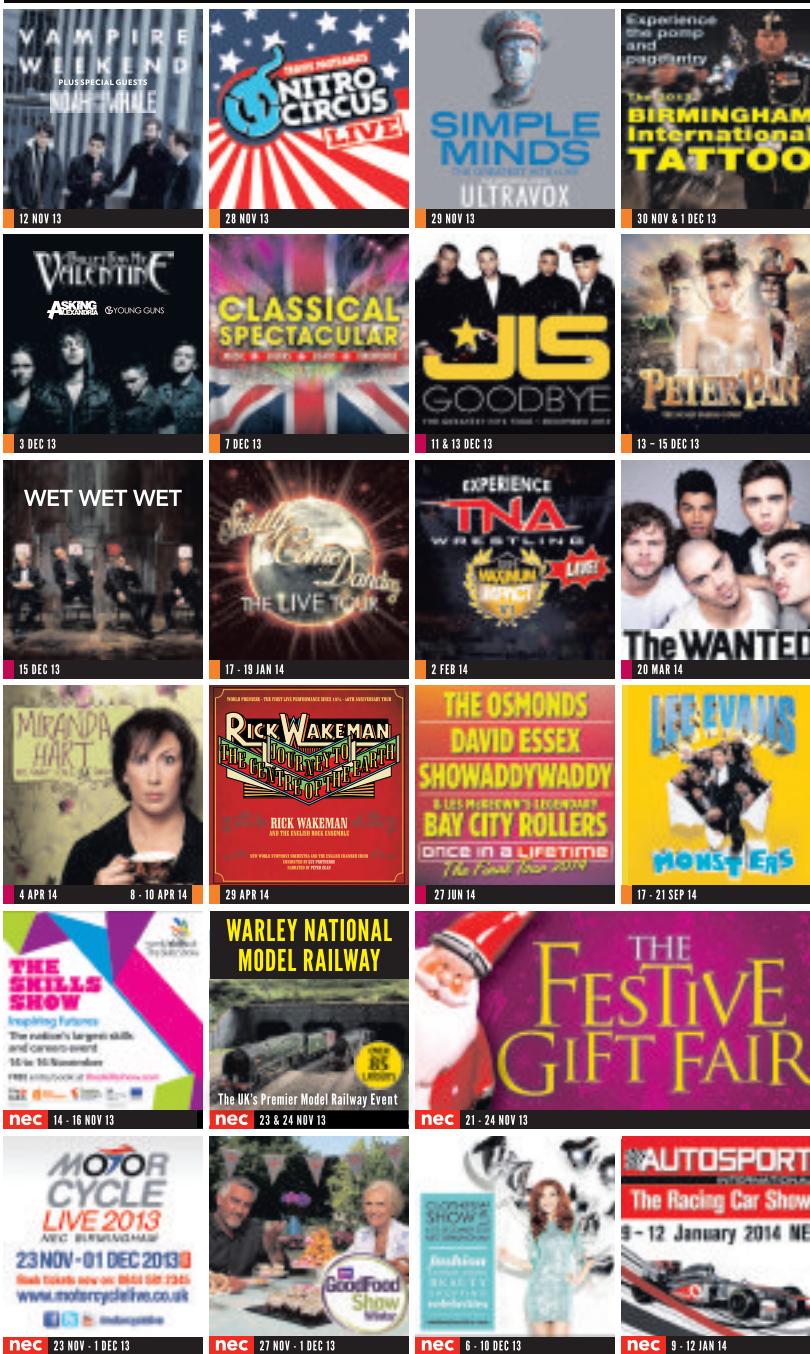
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HOME & LIFESTYLE

Bite-sized cakes will be top of the pops



CAKE POPS are a yummy new bite-sized treat that have become, pardon the pun, very popular indeed.

Great British Bake Off runner-up Kimberley Wilson could be seen using them as an element for her final showstopper cake.

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What's On! Dudley

New date for Arctic Monkeys

ARCTIC Monkeys have rescheduled an appearance at Birmingham's LG Arena after leaving thousands of fans disappointed when they cancelled hours before a gig.

Lead singer Alex Turner has been diagnosed with laryngitis and was unable to perform last week. The band will return on November 20. All tickets will remain valid.

Leo to make you feel like dancing

GUARANTEED to make you feel like dancing is Leo Sayer and his all star Australian band who are calling in at Bilston as part of their worldwide tour.

He will be bringing back all the old favourites like You Make Me Feel Like Dancing, Thunder In My Heart, When I Need You, Long Tall Glasses, and many more at the Robin 2 this Saturday.

Tickets are £27 (advance) and £27.50 on the door.

Finding Way to Newhampton

FOLK group Pilgrims' Way will be bringing their particular brand of traditional music to Newhampton Folk Club this Saturday.

The band will be playing at the Newhampton pub, Riches Street, Whitmore Reans at 8.30pm. Pete Shirley will be supporting. Tickets are £8 advance, £10 on night. Call 01902 820958 or 340603

Festive favourite should be right up your street

THIS is a real gift for theatre lovers as *Miracle on 34th Street*, based on one of the most popular and best-loved Christmas films of all time, pays a festive visit to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre as part of the UK Premiere Tour.

Based on the 1947 motion picture it is the heart-warming story of Susan,

a young girl who dreams of a father and brother to make her family complete, and Kris Kringle, a kindly old bearded man who claims he is the real Santa Claus.

When he is employed as a Santa at a department store grotto run by Susan's mother, he quickly spreads a wave of love through New York City.

But Susan has always been told by her mother that there is no such thing as Santa so can he really help make her wish come true? This all-singing, all-dancing musical adaptation is an uplifting family tale of battling cynicism and learning what it truly means to believe.

Awards

It runs at the Grand from next Thursday (14) to Saturday (16) with evening and daytime performances.

Miracle on 34th Street originated as a 1947 motion picture starring Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Natalie Wood and Edmund Gwenn. The film became a perennial Christmas favourite, winning three Academy Awards and being nominated for Best Picture.

If you miss it at the Grand it is moving down the road to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre where an extra date has been announced due to the demand for tickets. It is due to run there from Thursday December 5 to Saturday December 7. The extra matinee performance is on December 6 at 1pm.

Support

Lowings, who has been touring for most of the year, will also be playing in Kings Norton, Birmingham on November 17 at Lobelia's Lazy Sunday Songwriter Sessions at the Tower of Song from 8pm.

The following night the trio, Tim Rogers on percussion and Andrew Lowings on guitar, will be playing at the Warwick Folk Club at the Warwick Arms Hotel, High Street.

Then they will be back in Birmingham supporting the legendary Martin Simpson at the Red Lion Folk Club, Vicarage Road, Kings Heath on November 27.

Lowings adds new tour date

STOURBRIDGE singer/songwriter Kim Lowings had added a new date to her latest tour which is promoting her EP *Deepest, Darkest Night*.

Lowings who plays with The Greenwood, which is a collective of local musicians, will be appearing at The Hinckley ACT, Leicestershire for the first time on December 13.

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Cutting edge of Lawnmower



James Acaster on the road with UK tour

COMEDIAN James Acaster is following his hit Edinburgh show with a UK tour that reaches Birmingham later this month.

Lawnmower, Acaster's sell-out Edinburgh Fringe performance, was short-listed for Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Award best show. Now, the comic is on the road with his critically-acclaimed act.

Acaster will reveal on the 31-date tour how he's attempting to clear Yoko Ono's name, why he continues to dress head to toe in Marks & Spencer and the reasons why he's obsessed with Mariachi music.

Nominations

Since winning Off The Kerb's Laughing Boy New Act of the Year in 2010, Acaster has gone on to receive critical acclaim for his Edinburgh shows, including award nominations in 2012 and 2013.

As well as appearing on stage, the funman recently recorded 'James Acaster's Findings' for BBC Radio 4.

In August 2010, he performed as part of BBC's 'Stand Up on the Street' during the Edinburgh Festival, while TV appearances have included Russell Howard's Good News, Dave's One Night Stand, Show and Tell, Live at The Comedy Store, and the Edinburgh Fest Comedy Gala.

James Acaster performs at the Glee Studio in Birmingham on Sunday, November 28. Call 08714 720 400 for ticket details.

REVIEW

The Armed Man:
A Mass for Peace,
Symphony Hall

NEARLY 1,700 in the audience and no programmes left at half time, that's how popular the great Karl Jenkins is.

His ardent band of followers were not left disappointed as the two-hour programme punched out nods to the old from his Palladio orchestral opener to the choir's beautifully-synchronized *Paradiso* from his *Requiem* which closed the first half.

Inbetween there were excerpts from the less well-known *Stabat Mater*, which was glorious and *The Peacemakers*, which has still to grow on me.

Expense

The second half was taken up with his anti-war *Armed Man* composition. Popular with both his non-singing fans and those in amateur choirs, despite the galling expense of performing it, it deservedly won a standing ovation for being a masterclass in how it should be done.

A work of contrasts which weave together fear, rage, menace, prayer, resolution and hope, there are soaring melodies and a sense of urgency which were caught perfectly by all involved, especially the percussion section.

Some productions use a backdrop of film images designed to emotive but such was the passion in Symphony Hall on Saturday they would have been entirely superfluous.

Sarah Cowen-Strong

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 10.11.13

CHOICE



Joanna Vanderham

The Paradise BBC1, 8pm

There's a little bit of excitement in the department store this week, which makes a nice change from the usual doom and gloom. Denise is thrilled about her new role, but her eagerness may not last long if Moray insists on dismissing all her ideas. She's soon forced to make some tough decisions as Moray becomes more and more distant, and she begins to realise that taking on responsibility probably isn't all it's cracked up to be. Edmund's shop suffers a break-in and Susy is forced to deal with demons from her past when she recognises the culprit.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.** **7.40** Match of the Day. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.20** Remembrance Sunday. **11.30** Coronation Street. **12.25** Sunday Politics. **1.40** BBC News; Weather. **1.55** EastEnders. **3.45** Escape to the Country. **4.15** Points of View. **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Remembrance Week. **5.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
- 6.20 Countryfile.** The team visits Shugborough Hall and, for Remembrance Sunday, finds out how the area was used for training troops.
- 7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Another couple leave the show. Plus, music by the Tenors and the Popstars.
- 8.00 The Paradise.** Denise's excitement does not last long when Moray dismisses one of her ideas. Susy tackles a demon from her past, and Katherine tries to bring Tom and Flora closer.
- 9.00 Richard Hammond Builds a Universe.** Having created a City of London, Richard Hammond takes the idea further as he explores what it would take to create a universe, with experiments helping show how it all fits together.
- 10.00 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
- 10.25 Match of the Day 2.** Including highlights of Manchester United v Arsenal.
- 11.45 Rugby League World Cup.** Highlights from the final round of group fixtures.
- 12.30 Weatherview.** **12.35 BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.00 This Is BBC Two.** **6.25 Film:** They Won't Believe Me. (1947) **8.00 Alan Titchmarsh's Garden** (2013) **9.00 The Big Bang Theory.** **9.30 Saturday Kitchen** Best Bites. **11.00 Rugby Union.** **12.00 MOTO2 Extra.** **12.30 Live MotoGP.** **2.00 Live Tennis.** ATP World Tour Finals. **5.00 Inspire:** The Olympic Journey. (R) **5.30 Coast.** (R)
- 6.00 Flog It!** The team visits Canterbury Cathedral, where Will Axon and Michael Bagott value items including a collection of Clarice Cliff and a trio of watches. (R)
- 7.00 Remembrance Sunday: The Centotaph.** David Dimbleby and Sophie Raworth remember the fallen at the Cenotaph's ceremony in Whitehall, paying tribute to members of the forces who have died while serving their country.
- 8.00 Africa 2013: Countdown to the Rains.** Kate Humble and Simon King report from Kenya, where animals and dogs compete for territory, elephants try to keep cool in the fierce heat and leopards enjoy days of plenty.
- 9.00 Great Continental Railway Journeys.** Michael Portillo travels through Germany, France and Switzerland, revealing how British yachtsmen sped on the German navy in the early 20th century.
- 10.00 QI.** With Sarah Millican, Jason Manford and Bill Bailey. (R)
- 10.30 Film:** Notes on a Scandal. (2006) Drama, starring Judi Dench.
- 12.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks.** (R) **1.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R) **1.25 Holby City.** (R) **2.25 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

- 6.00 CITV:** Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10 Matt Hatter Chronicles.** (R) **6.35 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.45 The Big Day.** (R) **7.10 The Inbetweeners.** (R) **7.15 Canimals.** **7.25 Sooty.** **7.35 Horrid Henry.** (R) **7.50 Big Time Rush.** **8.15 Bottom Knockers Street.** **8.30 Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge.** **9.25 ITV News.** **9.30 Inside the National Trust.** **10.30 Royal Wedding.** **11.30 Sunday Scoop.** **12.30 ITV News;** Weather. **12.45 Countryfile.** **1.00 Fool Britannia.** (R) **1.30 Live FA Cup Football.** **4.30** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.35 Prize Island.**
- 6.35 Regional Programme:** Weather.
- 6.45 ITV News;** Weather.
- 7.00 Surprise Surprise.** A community hero meets former boxing world champion Steve Ovett. Little Mix perform in the studio and an ex-serviceman is reunited with his old comrades.
- 8.00 The X Factor Results.** With live music by Robbie Williams and Celine Dion.
- 9.00 Downton Abbey.** Rosamund comes up with a plan to help Edith and her son, Alastair realises too late he may have made a mistake and Anna is concerned by unexpected news. Last in the series.
- 10.35 ITV News;** Weather.
- 10.50 FA Cup Highlights.** Bishop's Stortford v Northampton Town.
- 11.35 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Highlights.** Highlights of the opening pool matches in this season's competition.
- 12.30 The Store.** **2.30 Motorsport UK.** **3.20 ITV Nightscreen.** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 The Treacle People.** (R) **6.10 The Hoobs.** (R) **6.35 The Hoobs.** (R) **7.00 The American Football Show.** (R) **7.30 Noddy Loves Raymond.** (R) **8.30 Every Day Loves Raymond.** (R) **9.00 Fraser.** (R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch.** **12.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **2.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **2.30 The Simpsons.** (R) **3.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **4.00 Film:** The Golden Compass. (2007)
- 6.05 Channel 4 News.**
- 6.25 The Political Slot.**
- 6.30 Digging the Great Escape.** Engineers, archaeologists and serving RAF officers head to the site of the 1944 event to excavate the remains of the tunnel that allowed 76 men to escape from a German POW camp. (R)
- 8.00 Tutankhamun: The Mystery of the Burnt Mummy – Secret History.** Egyptologist Chris Naunton investigates a mysterious burning of the boy king's mummy.
- 9.00 Homeland.** Carrie turns the tables on the mastermind of the Langley bombing, but realising that Iran's most powerful operative proves to have dangerous consequences.
- 10.05 Was It Something I Said?** With Reginald D Hunter and Sally Phillips.
- 10.35 Toast of London.** Steven meets his new girlfriend's aristocratic father.
- 11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** With Alan Carr, Paul O'Grady and Jack Whitehall. (R)
- 12.05 Fresh Meat.** (R) **12.25 American Football Live.** **4.45 KOTV Boxing Weekly.** (R) **5.15 Countdown.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

- 6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig.** **6.05 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots.** (R) **6.25 Bubble Guppies.** (R) **6.30 The Men Who Built America.** (R) **6.45 Child's Play.** (R) **7.00 Milkshake! Monkey Too.** (R) **7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **7.25 Make Way for Noddy.** (R) **7.40 City of Friends.** (R) **7.55 Little Princess.** (R) **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Bob and Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **8.25 Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.15 Toby's Travelling Circus.** (R) **9.30 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **9.45 Jelly Jamm.** (R) **10.00 Power Rangers Dino Charge.** (R) **10.35 Sluggerra.** **11.00 5 News Special:** Remembrance Sunday. **11.05 Lost Heroes of World War One.** (R) **11.25 Britain's Secret Schindler.** (R) **12.25 Goering's Last Secret:** Revealed. (R) **1.25 Film:** All I Want for Christmas. (2007) **3.05 Film:** Jaws. (1975) **5.00 Film:** White Fang 2: The Myth of the White Wolf. (1994)
- 7.00 5 News Weekend.**
- 7.05 Film:** Rush Hour. (1998) Comedy adventure, starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker.
- 9.00 Film:** Justice. (2011) Premiere. Thriller, with Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor, Guy Pearce, Iron-E Singleton, and Harold Perrineau.
- 11.10 Film:** Cleaner. (2007) Crime thriller, starring Samuel L Jackson.
- 12.25 SuperCasino.** **3.05 The Gadget Show.** (R) **4.00 Wildlife SOS.** (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **4.50 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.00 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.10 Hana's Angels.** (R) **5.20 The Monkey Valley Show.** (R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.50 Hana's Helpline.** (R)

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- BBC Three**
- 7.00** Pop's Greatest Dance Crashes
- 7.10** Great TV Mistakes **7.40 Film:** Armageddon (1998) **10.00 Family Guy** **10.25 The Revolution** Will Be Televised **10.55 Family Guy** **11.15 American Dad!**
- BBC Four**
- 7.00** Dreaming the Impossible: Unbuilt Britain **8.00 The Review Show** **9.00 Requiem** **10.30 Film:** About Elvy (2009)
- ITV2**
- 2.50 Film:** Two Weeks Notice (2002) **4.50 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **6.45 Film:** Kindergarten Cop (1990) **9.00 The X Factor** **10.00 The Only Way Is Essex** **10.50 Film:** Coyote Ugly (2000)
- ITV3**
- 3.50 Film:** The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) **4.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot** **9.00 An Audience with Diana Ross** **10.00 Film:** Changeling (2008)
- ITV4**
- 3.45 Film:** Flash Gordon (1980) **6.00 British Touring Car** Championship 2013 Review **8.00 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union** **9.00 Film:** Jaws 2 (1978) **11.25 Jermaine Dufoe:** Sports Life Stories
- ITV5**
- 4.00 How I Met Your Mother** **5.00 2 Broke Girls** **6.00 Rules of Engagement** **6.30 The Big Bang Theory** **8.00 Film:** The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) **10.00 Drifters** **10.30 The Inbetweeners**
- 11.00 Stephen Merchant:** Hello Ladies
- Film4**
- 2.35 Young Sherlock Holmes** (1988) **4.45 Bridie Williams** (2009) **6.00 The Legend of Zorro** (2005) **8.00 The Untouchables** (1987) **Gangster thriller,** starring Kevin Costner. **11.20 Wall Street** (1987)

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What's On!**Film Choices****MONDAY****Out for Justice, Channel 5, 10.55pm**

A tough Brooklyn cop learns that his partner and best friend has been murdered in front of his family by a vicious drug dealer, the pair's lifelong enemy and the scourge of the neighbourhood. The detective heads into the underworld on a one-man vengeance mission, but finds the killer's criminal bosses are also hunting for him. Action thriller, with Steven Seagal, William Forsythe and Jerry Orbach. (1991)

TUESDAY**Cabaret, BBC1, 12.05am**

A flighty nightclub singer in 1930s Berlin is drawn into a love triangle with a sensitive would-be English writer and an aristocratic German, as the Nazi party grows in might and the country heads inexorably toward war. Oscar-winning musical directed and choreographed by Bob Fosse, starring Liza Minnelli, Joel Grey, Michael York and Helmut Griem. (1972)

WEDNESDAY**Dirty Harry, Channel 5, 10pm**

Maverick San Francisco detective "Dirty" Harry Callahan sets out to capture a deranged sniper picking off victims at random. Although his own tactics barely stay within the confines of the law, he is determined the killer will face his particular brand of justice, regardless of his superiors' disapproval. Don Siegel's thriller, starring Clint Eastwood, Harry Guardino and Andy Robinson. (1971)



Up in the Air, Friday, BBC2, 11.10pm

THURSDAY**The Last Frontier, Channel 4, 12.15pm**

A backwoods trapper signs up as a cavalry scout at a fort manned by inexperienced soldiers, where he falls in love with a colonel's wife. On taking over command of the garrison, the officer plans to lead his men in a reckless attack on a hostile Indian tribe – and it is down to the frontiersman to save his comrades from a massacre. Western, starring Victor Mature, Robert Preston and Anne Bancroft. (1955)

FRIDAY**Up in the Air, BBC2, 11.10pm**

A corporate downsizing expert loses his life, detached from everyday existence and striving to achieve a personal goal of 10 million accumulated air miles. However, his lifestyle comes under threat by an up-and-coming executive with a revolutionary approach that would make his role all but obsolete. Comedy drama, starring George Clooney, Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, Jason Bateman and Amy Morton. (2009)

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Pick of the Week**Stars shine bright on a night of charitable fun**

Hosting a live TV show isn't easy – just ask Mick Fleetwood and Sam Fox. It's 24 years since they co-hosted the show and the thought of them hemming and hawing their way through several painful hours of presenting duties still sends shivers down the spine of those who saw it.

We reckon wannabe TV presenters everywhere should watch it so they know exactly how not to go about a live broadcast.

Thankfully, Children in Need is far more seasoned hands. Tess Daly, Fearne Cotton, Nick Grimshaw and Zoe Ball are all old hands at live broadcasts, but the glue holding the whole thing together as ever, Terry Wogan, and the show just wouldn't be the same without him.

He makes the whole process seem completely effortless – perhaps it's because he's so affable and always does his best to make those appearing in the studio at their ease.

"I'm not a confrontational interviewer," explains Wogan. "It would be easy to be abrasive, but nobody would want to come on the show."

Sometimes an interview I think didn't go well was actually very good, and vice versa. You're not always the best judge yourself.

Children in Need is now an iconic annual event, and is so huge, it can no longer be confined to just one marathoned programme broadcast on prime time.

Instead, the action begins around lunchtime with a Strictly Come Dancing-themed Bargain Hunt special, while Pointless and The One Show also get in on the fund-raising act.

But the real fun begins at 7.30pm, when the telethon itself begins.

Those involved hope to raise more than the £26million collected in 2012, and have a heap of entertainment lined up that they hope will inspire us to dig deep – something the Great British public has continued to do, despite the credit crunch.

Among the delights to look out for is a dance extravaganza featuring the cast of EastEnders, a very special edition of Room 101, and musical performances from the likes of Timi Tempah, JLS, One Direction, and Ellie

Goulding, singer of this year's CIN single, How Long Will I Love You.

But sci-fi fans will be most keen to see the now traditional appearance of a short Doctor Who special on the night.

No details have been released about what it may feature, but fans have already begun speculating about it online. And the Sunday evening of the show taking place later in the month, many are hoping it will tie-in with that – and may even include some secrets about the mysterious incarnation played by John Hurt, who appeared briefly in the last episode of the previous run.

But whatever happens, Children in Need will always be about fundraising – and is something Terry is only too pleased to be involved with.

"It is always a privilege and pleasure, the highest point of my year, to present BBC Children in Need," says Wogan. "And we are hoping to give the great British public even more. We've certainly got a fantastic show line-up this year. I know I say that every year but this year really is special!"



The fundraising fun returns, Children in Need 2013, Friday, BBC1, 7.30pm

Best of the Rest**MONDAY****Emmerdale****ITV, 7pm**

Amy may have abandoned little Kyle in a phone box when he was born, and then put him up for adoption, but she's certainly not going to give up on him again. In fact, she's so determined to be part of the little boy's life that his grandmother Joanie has called the police and taken the extra precaution of getting a restraining order. Amy is crushed when Diane tells her the news, but instead of giving up hope, she simply comes up with a new, more drastic approach – one that will mean choosing between staying with Andy and starting a new life with her son. Meanwhile, Priya has second thoughts on the day of her termination.

Ripper Street**BBC1, 9pm**

Brace yourselves for a shock – Reid and his colleagues aren't about to be faced with an untimely death. Instead, they're called in to investigate the abduction of a politician from a popular Whitechapel theatre. Rose Erskine has been working there since leaving the brothel, but will Drake's long-buried desire for her be awakened when they come face-to-face again? Reid, meanwhile, suspects the kidnappers are members of an all-female gang connected to councillor Jane Cobden, who harbours some rather radical views. Long Susan becomes one of their victims too, but finds herself drawn to her captors.

cause – but what is it that the villains actually want to achieve?

TUESDAY**Martin Lewis Money Show – The Twelve Saves of Christmas****ITV, 8pm**

Don't worry, Martin Lewis isn't trying to make us celebrate yuletide in November. Instead, his hour-long helping of seasonal saving tips is coming to us just in time to help us plan a thrifty Christmas celebration. Martin and reporter Saira Khan reveal that it's not too late to bag yourself a bargain, and unveil their unique 'advent calendar', predicting when the major retailers are most likely to start offering discounts, so viewers can be primed to pounce. And there's also a reminder that Christmas doesn't have to be commercial at all as Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby shares his own tips on making sure that it's the memories that last into the New Year, not the repayments.

The Story of Musicals**Channel 4, 9pm**

Business may be booming in London's West End, but for the producers, actors and writers dreaming of staging a hit musical, that just means the competition is even fiercer. This new four-part series takes a look at the process of putting on a show, as the first episode goes behind the scenes of

Academy Award-winning director Sam Mendes' new take on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The production was launched in a blaze of publicity, but as this series shows, the real drama doesn't take place on opening night. Once the initial media excitement dies down, how do you keep filling those theatre seats?

WEDNESDAY**JFK's Secret Killer: The Evidence****Channel 5, 9pm**

November 22 will mark the 50th anniversary of the assassination of US President

John F Kennedy, which can only mean one thing – a new wave of theories about who really pulled the trigger. This documentary aims to get to the bottom of the case by recruiting a seasoned police detective to examine the events of that fateful day at the Dealey Plaza, Dallas. Using witness testimony, as well as the latest technology and methods which weren't available in 1963, the programme reaches a remarkable conclusion about the true identity of JFK's assassin.



Children in Need Rocks, Thursday, BBC1, 8pm

THURSDAY**Children in Need Rocks****BBC1, 8pm**

Gary Barlow is going to meet himself coming backwards one of these days. In and amongst his X Factor duties, showbiz's busiest man has somehow found the time to sweet-talk some of his closest pals into a one-off concert. Chris Evans and Fearne Cotton will be hosting the event, which takes place at the Apollo in Hammersmith, London, and will see some of the biggest names in the industry rock the crowds. Acts including Kings of Leon, Robbie Williams, Barry Manilow, Dizzee Rascal, the Wanted, Little Mix, Ellie Goulding, Rizzle Kicks, Bastille, Tom Odell and the Lumineers are all set to perform.

FRIDAY**Chris Tarrant Goes Fishing****Channel 5, 7pm**

The series which sees telly presenter and quizmaster Chris Tarrant swap his lifelines for nylon line and sample some of the world's greatest fishing grounds continues, as this week he – along with trusty guide John Horsey – heads to Wellesley Lake in Canada's Yukon territory. The frigid waters are full of pike, which are excellent sport fish, however they're not what Chris and professional angler John are after – they're looking for the elusive Arctic char, a relative of the salmon which can grow in excess of 50lbs in weight and sit proudly at the top of the food chain. But can they tempt the monsters out of hiding?

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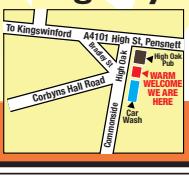
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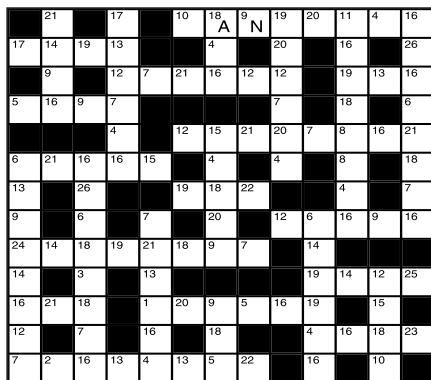
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

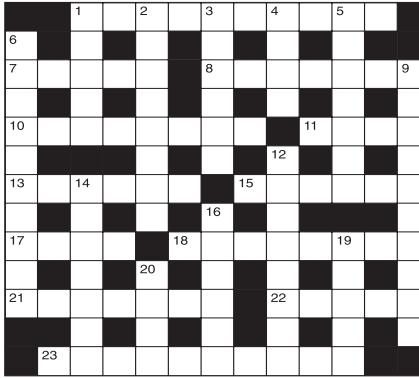
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:**Across**

- Does it make things sticky for motorists? (7,3)
- Best conceivable thought to fifty (5)
- All the same, a soldier has to assume it (7)
- Dog raves after fruit (8)
- As long as there's money in it, usually (4)
- Do they stop cars in record time? (4,6)
- Hand over and die (4,2)
- Tinker returns without hesitation to make garments (4)
- Charm one's way in (8)
- Fully satisfy it at sea, perhaps (7)
- No longer lie about being an outcast (5)
- Their work is play (10)

Down

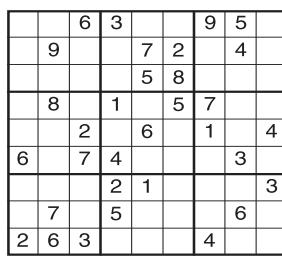
- Some of the Irish land belongs to them (5)
- Marriage, for example, makes a nice change after all! (8)
- Sources of print? (6)
- Box for a piece of jewellery (4)
- In age so twisted, suffering pains (7)
- Do they stop cars in record time? (4,6)
- He stays well away from work (10)
- The beauty of justice (8)
- Vessel off course? (7)
- Eager to be camping? (6)
- They have points to drive home (5)
- To some a handy guide to events (4)

**Quick Clues:****Across**

- Bearing (10)
- Test (5)
- Defames (7)
- Involved (8)
- Rip (4)
- Fix (6)
- National Socialist (4)
- Conscious (8)
- Follow (5)
- Uneasily (10)

Down

- Tendency (5)
- Soften (8)
- Frolicked (6)
- Masculine (4)
- Disregard (7)
- Presence (10)
- Reinforce (10)
- Immensity (8)
- Odd (7)
- Colonise (6)
- Composition (5)
- Leaning (4)

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S

5	3	4	2	1	6	9	7	8
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Renewal; 7 Spent; 9 Ash; 10 Cost price; 12 Bargain sale; 15 Pure fiction; 17 Free verse; 19 Rip; 21 Relax; 22 Takings; Down: 1 Terse; 2 See; 3 Halo; 4 Oppressor; 5 Knuckle; 8 Strict; 11 Base metal; 13 Guinea; 14 Quarter; 16 Sieve; 18 Stay; 20 Die; **QUICK** - Across: 6 Convert; 7 Train; 9 Gay; 10 Deserving; 12 Standardise; 15 Painstaking; 17 Dissected; 19 Rat; 21 Annual; 22 Deposit; Down: 1 Total; 2 Eve; 3 Urge; 4 Provident; 5 Lionise; 8 Remark; 11 Stand out; 13 Notice; 14 Sapient; 16 Rapid; 18 Ever; 20 Foe.

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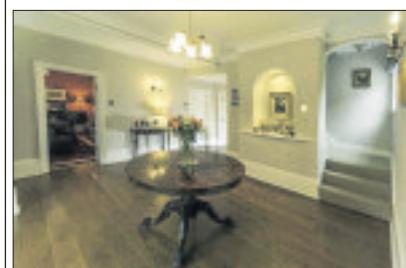
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- Semi detached
- Porch • Lounge
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- Bathroom
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- Double glazed
- Energy Rating D

OFFERS BASED ON £149,950

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- Hall • Lounge
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- Semi-detached
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- Energy Rating D

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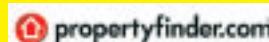
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A much improved and extended semi detached house with hallway, lounge with dining area, a converted garage which could be used as a dining room / play room, extended kitchen, side veranda, upstairs bathroom, two double bedrooms, a low maintenance garden to the rear and a double driveway to the front. Viewing is highly recommended.

£124,950

DUDLEY
Cromwell Drive

A recently improved three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, upstairs white bathroom suite, three good size bedrooms, rear garden and off road parking. No upward chain!

£114,950

LOWER GORNAL
Fiveways Court

An immaculately presented two bedroom, two bathroom modern first floor apartment. The lounge having high ceilings and far reaching views. It is situated on a secure gated development. The property briefly comprises reception hall, open plan lounge with modern fitted kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite and a family bathroom.

£99,950

Dudley
Linwood Road

A three bedroom mid terraced house with lounge, breakfast kitchen, family bathroom, laundry room, garden to the rear and driveway to the front

£89,950

TIVIDALE
Hoylake Drive

Located in this highly desirable location this three bedroom detached house briefly comprises of lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear, driveway and garage.

£159,950

BRIERLEY HILL
Golden Cross Way

A well presented two bedroom terraced property. Briefly comprising lounge, modern fitted kitchen, breakfast room, white bathroom suite, rear garden and two allocated parking spaces.

£114,950

Tipton
Thetford Close

Located on the poplar "Foxyards Estate" this well presented semi detached house has hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, downstairs bathroom, driveway and gardens to the front and rear. Viewing is highly recommended

£99,950 o/o

Tipton
Brindlefields Way

A two bedroom mid terraced house with hallway, lounge, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, gardens to the front and rear and allocated parking.

£89,950

Netherton
Baptist End Road

This deceptively spacious three bedroom semi detached property in need of a bit of TLC has fantastic potential! Briefly comprising lounge, kitchen/dining room, downstairs bathroom with a separate WC, three good sized bedrooms to the first floor, front and rear gardens.

£75,000

DUDLEY
Bunn's Lane

An immaculately presented extended two bedroom semi detached house with hallway, large lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, driveway to the front for two cars and gardens to the front and rear

£94,950

DUDLEY
Five Ways Court

An immaculately presented two bedroom, two bathroom modern first floor apartment. The lounge having high ceilings and far reaching views. It is situated on a secure gated development. The property briefly comprises reception hall, open plan lounge with modern fitted kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite and a family bathroom. The property is sold on a 50% share basis

£94,950

Gornal
Central Drive

A recently renovated two bedroom end terraced house with hallway, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, driveway and garden to the rear.

£94,950

Lower Gornal
Holloway Street

An impressive family home, this FOUR BEDROOM house enjoys all the space available. A quality kitchen with karndean flooring and dining/family areas opens out onto the rear garden, as does the bay fronted sitting room. Downstairs also features a utility room and WC. Three double bedrooms, including master bedroom with en suite shower room and beautiful fitted mirrored wardrobes, a single bedroom and a family bathroom with separate shower are located upstairs. The rear garden has a paved area and access to the garage and a gate leading to the front of the property.

£249,950

DUDLEY
Scotts Green Close

A recently modernised three bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, utility, downstairs wc, upstairs bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, driveway and garage

£149,950 o/o

TIPTON
Spring Meadow

A five bedroom link detached house with hallway, large lounge with dining area, conservatory, downstairs wc, fitted kitchen, ensuite to master bedroom, garden to the rear, parking to the side and garage.

£169,995

Netherton
Withymoor Road

A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, upstairs bathroom, driveway, garage and gardens to the front and rear

£114,950

DUDLEY
Buffery Road

A beautifully presented and particularly spacious three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom, delightful rear garden, garage and ample off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended!

£169,950

DUDLEY
St Catherines Close

A three bedroom semi detached house located in this popular area with accommodation briefly comprising of hallway, lounge, kitchen with dining area, upstairs bathroom, good sized garden to the rear, driveway to the front, o/o £110,000

o/o £110,000

TIVIDALE
Alexandra Way

A three bedroom three storey mid terraced town house with hallway, downstairs wc, lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, driveway, garage and garden to the rear

£114,950

TIVIDALE
Pine Road

A well presented two bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, sun room, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size of this property

£114,950

DUDLEY
Hall Street

A brand new one bed apartment. Open plan fitted kitchen/dining/living area, separate double bedroom, and separate shower/WC room. Off road parking, water bills included, free sat TV, laundry facility. Off road parking. No DSS, no pets.

£350 + fees

DUDLEY
Edward Street

A mid terraced, three bed house with lounge, dining room and modern fitted kitchen. House bathroom/WC with a shower over the bath on the second floor and a second separate WC. Unfurnished. DSS considered with guarantor, pets considered.

£450 PCM + Fees's

TIPTON
Lissimore Drive

A 2nd Floor modern apartment with lounge diner, modern fitted kitchen, 2 good sized bedrooms, bath/WC, shower over bath, double glazing. Allocated secure parking. Unfurnished. Available now to view.

£475 PCM + Fee's's

TIPTON
Middle Meadow

A one bedroom second floor apartment. Lounge, fitted kitchen, double glazing and central heating. Allocated parking and secure entry. Available to view now.

£475 PCM + Fee's's

Tipton
Ferguson Drive

A modern, two bed apartment with double glazing and electric storage heating, open plan living with fitted kitchen and dining area, lounge area, two good sized bedrooms and a house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Intercom for secure access, allocated parking, very close to local train station with good access to Birmingham, Dudley and Wolverhampton. Unfurnished, available for viewing. No Dss. No pets

£495 + Fees

DUDLEY
Peel Street

Two bedroom semi detached house. Has lounge, fitted kitchen. Bedrooms and bathroom with walk in shower on the 1st floor. Central heating & double glazing. Pleasant enclosed rear garden with patio area. No Dss. No pets.

£475 PCM + Fee's's

OLDBURY
Ascot Close

A 3 bed semi-detached house with off road parking. Through lounge, new fitted kitchen/diner, house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Off road parking to the front. Unfurnished. DSS considered with guarantor for long term.

£525 PCM + Fee's's

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Brettell Lane

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£550 PCM + Fee's's

TIPTON
Warren Close

A two bed first floor maisonette with double glazing, central heating, built in appliances, spacious, modern interior. Unfurnished, available now.

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TIPTON
Madin Road

A three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, two double bedrooms and a further single, front and rear garden and a garage with driveway. No DSS or pets.

£575 PCM + fees

DUDLEY
Wrens Nest Road

A well presented modern semi-detached house. Spacious kitchen/diner, room, downstairs cloak room/WC. Upstairs has two large double bedrooms and one single. Modern family bathroom on first floor. Front garden and good sized garden to the rear. Allocated parking space in secure car park behind the property. Viewing recommended, available immediately. Unfurnished. Pets by arrangement, no smokers, no DSS, no pets.

£620 PCM + Fee's's

Cradley Heath
Compton Road

A three bed mid terraced house with lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen. Three good sized bedrooms with a further storage room, house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath downstairs. Unfurnished, no DSS, no pets.

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3 Bed**St Marks Road, DUDLEY****NEW**

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EPC:TBCOffers Around
£154,950**4 Bed****Farm Road, NETHERTON****NEW**

Four bedroom semi-detached home in need of some sympathetic modernisation and having excellent sized family accommodation to comprise of entrance hall, two reception rooms, kitchen and utility room with four good sized bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor. The property benefits from being gas centrally heated and has ample off road parking and front and rear gardens. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, early viewing is highly recommended.

EPC:D

Netherton Office

£89,950**3 Bed****Langstone Road, RUSSELLS HALL****NEW PRICE**

This good sized extended three bedroom semi-detached home is situated on this popular housing estate with excellent local amenities and good access to local schooling. The property benefits from good sized accommodation to comprise of entrance hallway, through lounge/diner, sitting room, Extended kitchen with breakfast room. To the first floor there are three bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property also benefits from being alarmed, gas centrally heated, double glazed and has off road parking with landscaped rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN!

EPC:EOffers Around
£119,950**2 Bed****Grainger Street, DUDLEY****NEW PRICE**

This well presented mid terraced home is situated within easy reach of all local amenities. It has accommodation which comprises of; Two reception rooms, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. The property also benefits from being gas centrally heated and double glazed and has a rear garden. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, viewing is highly recommended. This would make an ideal purchase for an investment buyer, the property would achieve approximately £450 p.m rental, likewise, it would also be a great opportunity to first time buyers.

EPC:D

Netherton Office

£80,000**3 Bed****St Peters Road, NETHERTON****NEW PRICE**

Situated in this popular residential area close to Bumble Hole conservation area, this good sized three bedroom detached property comprises two reception rooms, large kitchen, three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, garage, double glazing and gas central heating. An early viewing is recommended to appreciate the size of accommodation on offer.

EPC:D

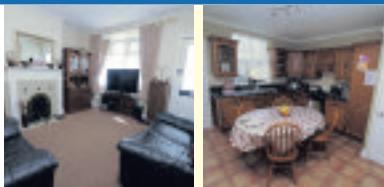
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Offers Around
£139,950**4 Bed****St Michaels Grove, DUDLEY****NEW PRICE**

Located within a quiet cul-de-sac location, this modern, immaculately presented, four bedroom detached family home offers spacious, double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation comprising; Entrance hall with Downstairs w.c., modern fitted kitchen with access to secured side passage, lounge and dining area leading to conservatory, master bedroom with EN-SUITE, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property also benefits from a front driveway capable of accommodating two vehicles, integral garage and attractive front and rear lawned gardens. An early viewing is highly recommended.

EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Over
£180,000**2 Bed****Cradley Road, NETHERTON**

This well presented and good sized two bedroomed semi-detached home situated in this popular area of Netherton has good local transport links to the town centre and all local amenities. The property has accommodation which comprises of; Lounge, kitchen/diner, good sized garden room and utility room with downstairs w.c. To the first floor are two bedrooms and a family bathroom and the property also benefits from being gas centrally heated, double glazed and has off road parking with landscaped front garden and a good sized rear garden. Viewing is a must!

EPC:D

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Offers Around
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Addison Croft, Straits

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UPPER GORNAL/SELDLEY

Dudley Road

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Offers in the region of £169,995

SELDLEY

Southendown Road, Brownswall Estate

TREMENDOUSLY CORNER PLOT (WITH POTENTIAL TO SUBDIVIDE). A conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with further potential envirably situated upon fine corner plot in highly favoured neighbourhood. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, pantry, separate wc/utility room (with part double doors), dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, possibility of enlarging third bedroom (into dormer?), re-painted shower room with white suite, garage, extensive grounds. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £169,950

SELDLEY

Biston Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached most conveniently situated within level walking distance of Seldley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, cloakroom, L-shape lounge, separate wc/utility room (with part double doors), dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy block paved gated drive, brick garage, well tended secluded rear garden, EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
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£159,950

SELDLEY**Queens Road**

An exceptionally stylish, tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed traditional semi detached of character envirably situated within reasonable walking distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities together with open fields. Superb accommodation includes imposing reception hall (lofty ceiling height), lounge with bay, transverse 'hub' of the house, dining kitchen (with double French doors out to garden), lobby, store, etc. Three bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc/utility room, integrated kitchen with white contemporary style suite with chrome detailing, substantial brick garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
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LOWER GORNAL**Milton Crescent, Straits**

An attractive, significantly modernised, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed semi detached in favoured neighbourhood comprising enlarged porch, reception hall, lounge with living flame' gas fire, understairs store, kitchen, dining room, three bedrooms (two with an extensive range of wardrobes/cupboards), upgraded/replaced bathroom with a 'spa' suite. LARGE GARAGE (26'1" x 8'2") with external steps down to rear garden, block paved driveway. Delightful, expertly tended rear garden, block paved driveway. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
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SWINDON**Winston Road**

A LARGE TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME, superbly located within the Swindon Village, surrounded by beautiful countryside, providing VERY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, 20'- plus depth Lounge, family Dining Kitchen, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS, bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, etc. The property is approached via a wide, paved path leading to the rear, enjoying LARGE and ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777
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COSELEY**Mount Pleasant Street**

A particularly SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & double glazed Edwardian semi detached of character that has been lovingly restored/renovated by present vendors over the years. Elegant accommodation includes entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall (lofty ceiling heights), inner hallway, store & fitted cloakroom, lounge with 'living flame' fireplace, dining room, range of built-in wall cupboards, practical cellar (useful for storage), three bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc/utility room, etc. The property is approached via a paved path leading to the rear, featuring a two-section bathroom/shower room, loft potential. Gated block paved parking & EXCEPTIONALLY LENGTHY REAR GARDEN which is a fine asset to the residence. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
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PENSNETT**MUST BE VIEWED**

Bromley

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SELDLEY**Bath Street**

AN EXTENDED, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. The accommodation includes recessed porch, reception hall, store, dining room, sitting room with double doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, rear extension with double doors out to rear garden. Three bedrooms, recently re-painted bathroom with a white contemporary fitted suite. Extensive parking, delightful secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £137,950

SELDLEY**Furlongs Road**

TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED, and meticulously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed semi detached in popular convenient district. The stylish accommodation includes: reception hall, dining room, sitting room with double doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, rear extension with double doors out to rear garden. Three bedrooms, recently re-painted bathroom with a white contemporary fitted suite. Extensive parking, delightful secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £135,000

SELDLEY**Lomond Road, Northway**

An exceptionally stylish, tremendously upgraded & improved, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed end 'starter home' for many amenities. Personal inspection vital to appreciate quality of the accommodation which includes upvc double glazed entrance porch, 18ft reception hall, utility room, storage cupboards, lounge with box bay, dining room with patio doors to garden & refitted bathroom. Three generous bedrooms, re-painted bathroom with a range of 'shenway' effect fitted units to contemporary white suite. Secluded well tended rear garden with extensive decking. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £125,000

COSELEY**Ivyhouse Lane**

An attractive, quite distinctive, gas centrally heated & primarily upvc double glazed two (previously three) bedroom semi detached of character with many remaining period features in established, particularly convenient neighbourhood. Accommodation includes reception hall (imposing ceiling height), fitted cloakroom, lounge with bay & original overmantel, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, etc. Three generous bedrooms, re-painted bathroom with a range of 'shenway' effect fitted units to contemporary white suite. Secluded well tended rear garden with extensive decking. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in excess of £120,000

DUDLEY**Abbotsford Drive**

Superbly located, this SUBSTANTIAL and DESCRIPTIVE DETACHED 'DORMER' FAMILY HOME enjoys a desirable location and an exceptionally well presented layout of FLEXIBLE & QUALITY accommodation, comprising: Large central Reception Hall with 'light oak' staircase, generous 22' full depth Lounge with Dining Area, CONSERVATORY/GARDEN ROOM, spacious Breakfast Kitchen with built in oven, hob, extractor, integrated dishwasher, utility, separate WC, ground floor BATHROOM, double fitted first floor BEDROOM and spacious 'HOT TUB' Bathrooms with separate shower. GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING. Front garden, BROAD DRIVEWAY, LARGE GARAGE and a LARGE LEVEL REAR GARDEN with decking and lawns. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 265265
£199,950

QUARRY BANK**High Street**

This immaculately presented, upvc double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been considerably improved / updated by the current owners, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The impressive layout briefly comprises: entrance porch, porch, lounge with bay window & a kitchen beyond, dining room, double aspect sitting room with a principal (21ft overall) bedroom with a double en-suite dressing section with built-in wardrobes, a further double bedroom 2 and a re-appointed bathroom with white suite. Nest situated rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
£114,950

LOWER GORNAL**Brook Street**

A highly individual, spacious, SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & mostly upvc double glazed end terrace of character within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Superb accommodation includes 22'7" through living/dining room (with bay window) & a kitchen beyond. The ground floor is a principal (21ft overall) bedroom with a double en-suite dressing section with built-in wardrobes, a further double bedroom 2 and a re-appointed bathroom with white suite. Nest situated rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £114,950

PENSNETT**Chapel Street**

This well presented, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may especially appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of built-in units, double aspect dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom, etc. The property is approached via a paved path leading to the rear, featuring a two-section bathroom/shower room, loft potential. Gated block paved driveway providing ample parking, and a lengthy rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265
£109,950

LANESFIELD**NEW PRICE**

Norbury Crescent

Just off Hilton Road, a conscientiously maintained & recently upvc double glazed & mostly gas centrally heated SEMI DETACHED home, semi detached with further potential. Accommodation includes reception hall (imposing ceiling height), fitted cloakroom, lounge with bay & original overmantel, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, etc. The property is approached via a paved path leading to the rear, featuring a two-section bathroom/shower room, loft potential. Gated block paved parking & EXCEPTIONALLY LENGTHY REAR GARDEN which is a fine asset to the residence. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
WAS £94,950, NOW £91,950

GORNAL WOOD**New Street**

A modernised, upvc double glazed & gas centrally intermediate terrace in an established district convenient for all the many amenities/facilities around the village. Accommodation includes lounge, kitchen (with patio doors opening onto rear garden), dining room, double aspect sitting room, bathroom with shower, shower room, two double bedrooms, and shower room with white suite. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £82,000

UPPER GORNAL**The Arcade**

This neatly presented, upvc double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom maisonette provides surprisingly spacious living accommodation, and is conveniently situated for local amenities. The property is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and is currently occupied by Housing Association who charge a market rent, individually negotiated up to 19% lounge with integrated kitchen/breakfast room beyond (integrated oven, hob & filter), under stairs store, inner hall, double aspect sitting room, dining kitchen with a fine range of built-in units, integrated appliances & tiled floor, rear vestibule, fitted cloakroom. Two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, ample parking, extensive lawned grounds. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers around £60,000 for vendor's 70% share.

COSELEY**Yew Tree Lane**

50% SHARE FOR SALE. An attractive, stylish GROUND FLOOR, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed flat (in small block - just four dwellings) within walking distance of COSELEY RAILWAY STATION and many other amenities. Vendors' 70% share available for sale (remaining 30% owned by Housing Association who charge a market rent, individually negotiated up to 19%) lounge with integrated kitchen/breakfast room beyond (integrated oven, hob & filter), under stairs store, inner hall, double aspect sitting room, dining kitchen with a fine range of built-in units, integrated appliances & tiled floor, rear vestibule, fitted cloakroom. Two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, sheltered rear garden & allocated parking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £57,500 for 50% share

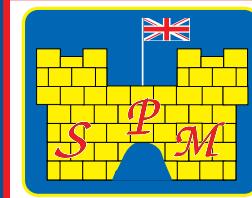
LOWER GORNAL**Redstone Way**

50% SHARE FOR SALE. A stylish, exceptionally well presented, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed intermediate 'starter home' at head of short/quiet cul de sac in favoured/convenient district. Vendor's 50% share for sale (other 50% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rent) available for sale (remaining 30% owned by Housing Association who charge a market rent, individually negotiated up to 19%) lounge with integrated kitchen/breakfast room beyond (integrated oven, hob & filter), under stairs store, inner hall, double aspect sitting room, dining kitchen with a fine range of built-in units, integrated appliances & tiled floor, rear vestibule, fitted cloakroom. Two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, sheltered rear garden & allocated parking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
WAS £45,000, NOW £44,000 for vendors 50% share

DUDLEY**NEW PRICE**

Attingham Drive, 'Sovereign Heights'

No. 10, NO UPWARD CHAIN. A stylish, compactly spacious, upvc double glazed Top Floor Apartment with tremendous DISTANT VIEWS upon well established development representing an ideal opportunity for first time buyers where the present vendors 50% share is available for sale. There is an 'entry phone' style security system to provide access, alarm, emergency call system, integrated parking in parking space, with the range of built-in units, various integrated appliances & balcony. TWO BEDROOMS (bedroom one with fitted wardrobes and a balcony, bathroom with a white suite. Communal grounds, allocated parking). EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
WAS £45,000, NOW £44,000 for vendors 50% share



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WOMBOURNE	WORDSLEY	PENSNETT	PENSNETT
 REYNOLDS CLOSE £325,000 Detached Property, Entrance Hall & Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Conservatory, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage/Workshop, Gas Central Heating and Partial Double Glazing.	 LAWNSSWOOD DRIVE £895 pcm Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Double Open Garage, Front, Rear & Side Garden	 KIRKHAM GARDENS £515 pcm Mid Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating, Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished	 SWAN STREET £575 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking for 2 cars, Unfurnished
WALL HEATH  NEW	WORDSLEY  NEW	DUDLEY  NEW	NETHERTON  NEW
BLAZE PARK £695 pcm Mid Terrace Property, Lounge & Dining Room, Kitchen, Third Reception Room, Utility, Three Bedrooms, En Suite, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking	WESTMINSTER ROAD £585 pcm Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Downstairs Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Gardens on 3 Sides, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished	BOURNE STREET £395 pcm Ground Floor Maisonette, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished	PURLIN WHARF £525 pcm Modern Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, Two bedrooms, Master with En-suite, Bathroom with Shower, Electric heating, Double glazing, UNFURNISHED, Designated Parking
DUDLEY 	UPPER GORNAL 	BRIERLEY HILL 	KINGSWINFORD 
PEBWORTH GROVE £510 pcm Semi Detached, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens	CLUB ROW £535 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished.	WALLS ROAD £540 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking	RAGEES ROAD £395 pcm Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Electric Heating
DUDLEY 	BRIERLEY HILL 	KINGSWINFORD 	TIPTON 
MINEHEAD ROAD £560 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage, Off Road Parking	DAFDORD VIEW £450 pcm Cluster Style Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating	WEECH ROAD £595 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Stunning Kitchen/Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Outbuildings, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens	TIPPS STONE CLOSE £385 pcm Ground Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedrooms, Unfurnished, Electric Heating, Off Road Parking
WOODSETTON 	SEDGELEY 	WORDLESLEY 	PENSNETT 
SHENLEY AVENUE £625 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing	ROWAN ROAD £755 pcm Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens, Unfurnished	CROWNOAKES DRIVE £475 Modern Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Allocated Parking, Double Glazing	HEYDON ROAD £595 pcm 4 New Semi-Detached Houses, Lounge, Kitchen, WC, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Garden, Parking for 1/2 cars.
DUDLEY 	LAKESIDE 	HALESOWEN 	KINGSWINFORD 
DONNINGTON COURT £470 pcm Second floor flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Allocated Parking	LAKESIDE COURT £510 pcm First Floor flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished.	CLIFTON ROAD £595 pcm Semi-Detached House, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Garden, Garage, Unfurnished	MARKET STREET £695 pcm First Floor & Second Floor Office Space, Busy High Street Location, Newly Refurbished, Toilet & Kitchen Facilities, Double Glazed Windows, 5 BT Units Present, Outdoor seating area, Rear Access Entrance from Somerfield Car Park.

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Offers around £159,950

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BRIERLEY HILL FISHER STREET

Pleasantly situated in this small cul-de-sac, leading from this popular and convenient address. Superbly Presented 3 Bed Semi-Detached provides decepctively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer and briefly comprises - Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, 3 Well Proportioned Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant Landscaped Good Sized Rear Gardens and Block Paved Driveway for 2 Cars to the Front. EPC=D

Offers around £98,950

NEW

CRADLEY HEATH HINGLEY COURT

Superbly presented 2 Bed GROUND FLOOR Apartment provides stylish UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED aspect, and is available in conjunction with the SHARED OWNERSHIP INITIATIVE (50% SHARE). Extremely convenient for the amenities of Old Hill and Cradley Heath, Security Controlled Entrance, Hall, attractive Lounge, Separate Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Refitted W.C., 3 Well Proportioned Bathrooms, Refitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant Landscaped Good Sized Rear Gardens and Block Paved Driveway for 2 Cars to the Front. EPC=C

£49,950 for 50% Share

DUDLEY THE BROADWAY

A superb magnificently improved, extended 4 Bed Traditional Semi provides outstanding GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accommodation, an outstanding opportunity for the young family and is pleasantly situated in this popular area and is pleasantly situated with SUPERB LARGE REAR GARDENS in this respected address. Hall, attractive Lounge, sep Dining Room, super REFITTED KITCHEN, 4 good Bedrooms (master with SHOWER EN SUITE), refitted house bathroom, magnificent large Rear Gardens with FEATURE LODGE, Garage and Driveway for 2 cars. EPC=D

Offers around £209,950

BRIERLEY HILL AMBLECOTE ROAD

This considerably improved, extended Traditional 4 Bed Semi provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed family accommodation over 3 floors and enjoys spacious rear gardens. Extended Hall, Spacious Lounge, W.C. UPWARD CHAIN the accom includes: Hall, Down W.C., extended Lounge, sep Dining Room, attractive Kitchen, 3 excellent first floor Bedrooms, large Bathroom with spa bath and spa shower, loft Bedroom, good sized rear Gardens, Usefull Store (Small Garage) and driveway for 5/6 cars. EPC=D

Offers around £182,500

WITHYMOOR VILLAGE GAYFIELD AVENUE

Attractive 3 Bed Semi to the popular 'Maypole' design, pleasantly situated close to Withymoor Primary School on this sought after development. This plot provides GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED family accommodation to include: Porch, Hall, spacious Lounge with sep Dining Room, Superb Lounge with Dining Area, attractive Kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, refitted Shower Room, separate Bathrooms (master with superb range of custom built wardrobes). Sunrooms, REFITTED BATHROOM WITH SPA BATH, Integral Garage, delightful Gardens and Driveway for 3/4 cars. EPC=D

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BRIERLEY HILL CARDER DRIVE

Very pleasantly situated in this popular cul-de-sac, this delightful Modern 3 Bed Detached provides spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accommodation ideal for the young family and briefly comprises - Hall, Down W.C., spacious 'L' shaped Kitchen with Dining Area, Superb REFITTED AVANTAGE KITCHEN with built in oven and hob, 3 Double Bedrooms, refitted Bathrooms, 2 good BedRooms (Master with Shower En Suite OFF) fitted house bathroom, Integral Garage, pleasant lawned Rear Gardens with private outlook and Driveway for 2/3 cars. EPC=D

Offers around £147,950

BROCKMOOR KERRY CLOSE

This super 3 Bed Semi provides spacious GAS CH AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the young family and is pleasantly situated on a LARGER THAN AVERAGE plot in this popular cul-de-sac. Extended Hall, Spacious 'L' shaped Lounge with Dining Area, Superb REFITTED AVANTAGE KITCHEN with built in oven and hob, 3 Double Bedrooms, refitted Bathrooms, 2 good BedRooms (Master with superb range of custom built wardrobes). Sunrooms, REFITTED BATHROOM WITH SPA BATH, Integral Garage, delightful Gardens and Driveway for 3/4 cars. EPC=D

Offers around £142,995

OAKHAM DINGLE CLOSE

A delightfully presented Traditional 3 Bed Semi-Detached pleasantly situated just into this sought after address and providing spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED family accommodation to include: Porch, Hall, spacious Lounge with sep Dining Room, Superb Lounge with Dining Area, attractive Kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, refitted Shower Room, separate Bathrooms (master with NO UPWARD CHAIN the accom includes: Lounge, separate Dining Room, Kitchen, Bedroom, 3 well proportioned BedRooms, Bathrooms, lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway to the front. EPC=D

Offers around £135,000

BROCKMOOR LEYS ROAD

Providing superbly improved, EXTENDED, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the discerning young family or First Time Buyer, the lovely 2 Bed Intermediate Townhouse is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in this popular address and briefly comprises: Porch/Hall, spacious Lounge, Superb refitted kitchen with built-in oven and hob and adjoining Dining area extension, 2 well proportioned BedRooms, sunrooms, REFITTED BATHROOM with shower, pleasant low maintenance rear garden and 2 car parking spaces to the rear. EPC=D

Offers around £97,950

DUDLEY WOOD ORCHARD ROAD

Pleasantly situated at the furthest end of this popular address, this extended 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious Upvc double glazed accommodation which although requires considerable refurbishment and modernisation provides tremendous further potential. Briefly comprises - Hall, Extended Lounge, Extended Separate Dining/ Sitting Room, Kitchen, 3 well proportioned BedRooms, Bathrooms, lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway to the front. EPC=D

Offers around £92,500

BROCKMOOR STATION ROAD

Pleasantly situated just off this long established and very convenient address, this sizeable 3 Bedrommed Intermediate Terrace provides refreshingly spacious Upvc double glazed accommodation which although requires certain upgrading and improvement provides tremendous further potential. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN the accom includes: Lounge, separate Dining Room, Kitchen, Bedroom, 3 well proportioned BedRooms and good sized rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect. EPC=D

Offers around £84,950

DUDLEY STOURBRIDGE ROAD

This elegantly presented, much improved 2 Bed Terraced provides descriptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the discerning First Time buyer or young family and is very conveniently located close to the town centre and local amenities. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Superb refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Rear Lobby, 2 Good BedRooms, superb REFITTED BATHROOM with shower cubicle and good size lawned Rear Gardens. EPC=D

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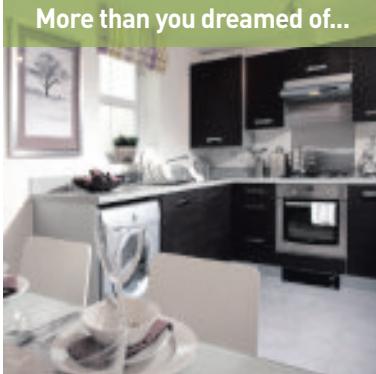
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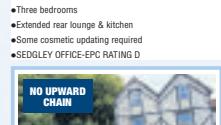
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WOODSETON
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• Semi-detached house
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• One bedroom ground floor flat
• Refurbished accommodation
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DUDLEY
• Three storey end terrace
• Three bedrooms
• In need of modernisation & improvement
• Good sized rear garden
• SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING F

STOURBRIDGE
• End terraced house
• Three bedrooms
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4 Bed

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EPC:C

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Netherton Office

3 Bed

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3 Bed

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Suzuki Swift 4x4 looks set to fill gap in market

By Sharon Walters

SUZUKI has made its name as a maker of small cars and 4x4s, so it comes as a surprise that it's taken until now to combine the two.

But as traditional SUVs have grown larger and more expensive, there's a clear gap in the market for a car with all-weather ability that's cheaper to buy and run than many standard hatchbacks.

After all, by no means everyone who lives in the countryside is a millionaire, and for the environmentally conscious there are few greener alternatives, with fuel consumption averaging better than 50mpg.

So, enter the Suzuki Swift 4x4, based on the Japanese company's best-selling hatchback, which could be yours for a little over £12,600.

Its main competitor is the Fiat Panda. Yes Suzuki still produces the Jimmy, but that's a different kettle of fish.

It's a more traditionally built 4x4, a sort of baby Vitara, but its accomplished off-road performance requires compromises which impact on its ride comfort and handling on the road. Not so the Swift 4x4: in fact from its appearance or driving experience you'd be hard pressed to spot any differences with the standard hatchback. Unless, that is, you pay an extra £1,000 for the top-of-the-range model with its special bodykit.

There are no levers or buttons to worry



The Suzuki Swift 4x4 is based on the Japanese marque's best-selling hatchback

about. The four-wheel drive system is fully automatic with a viscous coupling proportionally directing power to the rear wheels when the front ones start to slip. The coupling is little bigger than a clenched fist; in fact the whole 4x4 system adds just 65kg to the car's weight. The result is little impact on performance, just 5mpg less and a 10g/km increase in CO2 emissions. The test drives took place in North Wales, with 20 miles or so of steep inclines and dirt tracks through the Berwyn Mountains, where first and second gears were the order of the day. It was pleasantly surprising to find we had averaged 42mpg, so 50mpg should be entirely feasible in day-to-day use. Both 4x4 models are powered by the Swift range's 1.2-

Clearance

The extra 25mm ride height (to accommodate the 4x4 system and give those who venture off road a bit more ground clearance) doesn't seem to have affected the road holding or supple ride, either.

That's as it should be. This new Swift is not



The new Swift 4x4 comes in five-door, five-seat SZ3 and SZ4 grades

aimed at wannabe explorers, it's a car for those who need to drive come rain, sleet or snow and who want the extra traction and security of four-wheel drive at an affordable price.

Suzuki is dipping its toes into a new market sector so – for the time being at least – there isn't the option of a 4x4 with the Swift range's 1.3-litre diesel engine. But with the petrol engine's economy, lower price and the petrol/diesel price differential that's only likely to be an issue for higher mileage drivers.

The 4x4 comes in five-door, five-seat SZ3 and SZ4 grades, the two best-equipped models in the Swift range. List prices are £13,819 and £15,739 but – at least until the end of September – Suzuki has included the new car in its 'VAT

free' offer. That works out at £12,616 and £13,116 respectively. The SZ3 is well-equipped by class/price standards with ABS and other electronic braking systems, plus an electronic stability programme helping the four-wheel

drive to keep you safe.

Front, side and curtain airbags are also stan-

dard, along with convenience features such as

electric windows, driver's seat and steering

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Just 500 Audi of the TTS limited editions will be built and 120 will be sold in the United Kingdom

New limited edition TT marks 500,000 sales

THE Audi TT has reached the landmark sales figure of 500,000 since it was first launched in 1998, and Audi is celebrating with the arrival of a TT limited edition model.

Priced from £38,860 for the coupe and £42,320 for the roadster, the TT limited edition comes with exclusive Nimbus Grey paint for the coupe and Imola Yellow for the roadster.

Only 120 TT limited edition models will make it to the UK out of 500 built in total.

Both versions of the Limited Edition have 19-inch alloy wheels as standard, along with grey leather upholstery, rear parking sensors, satellite navigation and a Bose stereo system. In total,

the limited edition has £5,665 worth of extra equipment included for a price increase of £2,815 over a standard TT model.

Performance remains the same as for the standard TTs, so both coupe and Roadster come with a 268hp turbocharged 2.0-litre petrol engine coupled to either six-speed manual or twin-clutch S tronic gearboxes.

From rest to 62mph takes 5.3 seconds and each car has a top speed of 155mph.

The production of the 500,000th Audi TT underscores the success of the compact sports car, which debuted as a coupe in 1998 and as a roadster the year after.

The TT set standards not only for its design purity but also for its technol-

ogy, which included 'downsized' turbocharged engines, quattro all-wheel drive for the high-end models and the six-speed S tronic transmission, which debuted in the range in 2003.

The second generation model, which followed in 2006, marked the first time that Audi succeeded in reversing the weight spiral.

Thanks to its ASF (Audi Space Frame) body, which is made predominantly of aluminium, the new version weighs as much as 90 kilograms less than its predecessor. The low weight enables strong performance with very low fuel consumption. Another Audi innovation was the TT 2.0 TDI quattro: the world's first premium-segment sports car with a powerful diesel engine and all-wheel drive.

Back to the future: Caterham launching the new Seven 160



The Caterham Seven 160 stays true to the original Seven and also passes latest emission regulations

BRITISH sports car maker Caterham has announced a new low-priced version of its long-running Seven model.

Dubbed the Seven 160, the new model starts at only £14,995 in component form or £17,995 fully built.

Under the bonnet there is a turbocharged 660cc Suzuki engine and although this only offers up a modest 80bhp, that's still enough to power the lightweight Seven from 0-60mph in 6.5 seconds.

The Seven 160 stays true to the original Seven with a simple live rear axle, downsized engine and clutter-free

cabin, helping it to achieve its remarkable 495kg overall weight. What is more, the modern Suzuki unit allows the Seven 160 to pass the latest EU6 emission regulations.

Caterham Cars chief executive officer Graham Macdonald, said: "The 160 offers something truly different to the entry-level market."

It's more economical, more accessible and every bit as fun on the road as other Sevens but has its own unique personality."

The new rear axle, a throwback to early Sevens in terms of simplicity and purity of design, complements the Suzuki Motor Corporation engine and

lower overall body weight, while delivering Caterham's acclaimed, intuitive handling experience and a balanced yet playful chassis.

To meet the desired performance criteria, the Caterham Group's engineering consultancy, Caterham Technology and Innovation (CTI), fine-tuned engine performance from its standard output of 64hp to 80hp, while boosting fuel economy and reducing vehicle emissions. The vehicle conforms to EU5, EU6 and JC08 emissions regulations.

Production of the Caterham Seven 160 begins in the UK in January 2014 with the first deliveries in the spring.

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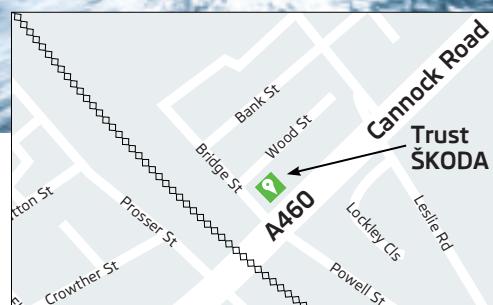
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Motoring



Outside, the latest Outback from Subaru has new alloy wheels and headlamps



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Subaru is now travelling on the right track

By Ian Donaldson

YOU can't fault the honesty of a boss when he says the business 'has recently emerged from a rather dark period.' If only everyone was as frank.

The company in question is Subaru, makers of Japanese cars which consistently plough their own engineering furrow, appealing like crazy to a limited number of buyers.

Too limited in recent years, by far, hindered by Japanese currency so strong it made the cars expensive in the UK and by a model range that lagged behind the times.

If you still associate Subaru with blue and gold cars of the turbo-nutter variety, then please think again. The glory days of world rally championship wins are long gone as we turn green and eco.

There are hints we might see something in the go-faster mould in 2014 but, if it arrives here at all, sales will be tiny compared to the several thousand Impreza that Subaru used to shift each year in the UK.

Nowadays the great bulk of Subaru buyers opt for more sensible transport offered in the likes of the Legacy, Forester and the car tested here, the latest Outback.

It's really a slightly jacked up Legacy with a bit of attitude and none the worse for that. With permanent all-wheel drive and engine laid flat to keep the weight low, this is a Subaru in the old tradition of super-sensitive design.

Add in a diesel engine that promises decent economy and, a first for the company, a clever automatic transmission as standard and you have a car that remains interesting enough to claim its Subaru heritage with pride.

Indicators

This latest Outback has been mildly worked over outside, with new alloy wheels and headlamps to the fore, while inside you'll find the electronic parking brake moved from the depths of the dashboard to the central console, where it should have been in the first place.

In another move that shows Subaru listens to its customers, the indicators now give three flashes at a gentle tap of the stalk. European cars have had this useful overtaking feature for years but it's good to know Japan is catching up.

Look hard and you'll also discover new part leather seats and revised instruments that are easier to read.

Subaru has been looking at the bits you can't see too, with firmer suspension aimed at making the car a bit more positive to drive without ruining the ride.

So a pretty thorough makeover, and a lot more than the new colours and wheels that other makers get excited about when it's time to refresh a model range midway through its life.

Out on varied and quite demanding choice of North Yorkshire roads, the latest Outback soon showed why it's a long time favourite of people like vets and farmers who need to go places when the roads turn slippery.

They don't need a car to tackle mountain peaks or cross roaring torrents, just something that will get them to end of a remote lane (and back) when there's a pressing need to be out in dreadful weather.

Well, in Yorkshire sunshine and showers the Outback was a relaxed charmer. Its new auto gearbox is a perfect match for the lowdown pulling power of a diesel and we made smooth and rapid progress.

Only occasionally did the newly firmed suspension feel a bit pattery but the newfound sharpness to the steering more than compensated.

The Subaru boss happily told me 'we're back in the black again' and this latest Outback will only add to the bottom line.

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Win has not sunk in yet says Pottinger

JUBILANT Dudley team boss Will Pottinger admits it will take some time for the achievements of his side to sink in after they rounded up a clean sweep of honours in 2013.

The former Cradley club added the Knockout Cup to their growing collection which already features the National League, Shield, Fours and Pairs from this year alone.

After leading the Heathens to one of their most successful seasons ever, Pottinger stated their historic achievements will take some time to hit home.

He said: "I don't think it's really sunk in yet, all the success we've had this season."

"I don't suppose the loss on the night is of any significance in the end really. It was all about making sure we won the Cup and we did that."

"We've all worked so hard to get to this point, and to win every competition we were involved in really is an unbelievable achievement."

"This team will no doubt go down in history as one of the most successful the Heathens have had."

Lost chances prove to be very costly

Old Wulfrunians 3 Kingswinford 1

MISSED opportunities cost K-ford dear as Old Wulfs scored a breakaway goal.

K-ford made it 1-1 on the stroke of half time. Man of the Match: Guneet Uppal.

Team Kingswinford 2nds 5 Pershore 3

Goal scorers, Jagmeet Singh (2), Sharm Dhaliwal, Billy Jawanda, Colin Morris

With the defence sitting far too deep, Pershore promptly took the lead.

However, after equalising K-ford went back to sleep, allowing Pershore to score twice. With Balkar Jawanda finding the back of the net and Morris scoring, Jagmeet Singh put the icing on as K-ford took the victory.

Old Wulfrunians 7 Kingswinford 3rd 1

Kingswinford 3rds made the short trip to local rivals Old Wulfrunians on a cold and windy day. With only 10 players, K-ford fell for four early goals.

Kingswinford Badgers 0 Kings Heath Pickwick 2



Captain Ashley Morris

DUDLEY'S historic season reached a memorable conclusion as they clinched Knockout Cup glory against the Isle of Wight at Smallbrook.

The triumphant Heathens survived a scare before eventually completing a comfortable 102-81 victory on aggregate despite slipping to a narrow 48-44 defeat on the night.

Victories in the League, Cup, Shield, Fours and Pairs ensure 2013 will go down in history as one of the most successful ever for a Heathens side.

Mechanical gremlins and falls saw the visitors throw away points in the

Speedway

early stages – with their 25-point lead from the first leg cut to 12 at one stage.

But skipper Ashley Morris took a vital double points win against the previously unbeaten Steve Worrall in heat 10 to settle Heathens' nerves before Dan Greenwood and Lewis Blackbird wrapped things up in the very next race.

After seeing an engine failure ruin his opening ride, No.1 Blackbird led the side superbly with two race wins on his way to 10 hard-fought points.

Paul Starke also contributed paid double figures, and skipper Morris continued his fine form to complete a reliable top three.

Reserve Nathan Greaves had a turbulent evening when a lost chain cost the 15-year-old a win in his opening ride, before he ran out of fuel on the back straight of his next outing.

Yet he ended his night with a confidence boosting win.

The trip to King's Lynn due to happen last Thursday night was washed out due to rain, and will not be rescheduled.

The club will now bring the

curtain down on an unforgettable season when they host their sold-out end of season presentation at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill, on November 15.

Isle of Wight 48: Steve Worrall 14, Ben Hopwood 10, Tom Perry 8, Reece Downes 7, Luke Priest 5+3, Chris Widman 4+2, Darryl Ritchings 7+3.

Dudley 44: Ashley Morris 11, Lewis Blackbird 10, Paul Starke 8+2, Dan Greenwood 5+1, Nathan Greaves 4, Gareth Isherwood 3+1, Max Clegg 3.

Dudley win 102-81 on aggregate.

A five-star display for Robins in derby clash

Dudley Town 5 Dudley Sports 1

THE Robins turned in a five-star performance in the Dudley derby to lift them into fourth place in the West Midlands Premier League.

They have now scored five or more goals in 11 of their 22 games this season.

The visitors had the best of the opening period but failed to convert their chances and fell behind on the half-hour when Sports' keeper Dominic Richards failed to hold a high cross which fell for Ron Francis-Mills to head home at the far post from two yards out.

Craig Stevens doubled the Robins lead when a headed clearance fell to him.

Tom Gadd made it three with a long-range effort in stoppage time to give the Robins a comfortable lead at the break.

Tom Watkins gave the visitors hope of a fight back seven minutes after the restart when he looped a header over the outstretched Harper.

The Robins put the result beyond doubt five minutes later when Adam Callinswood was on hand to turn the ball home. Top scorer Dreniz Bala rounded off the scoring on 65 minutes.

Favourites will return to Wolves

WOLVES speedway favourites Ty Proctor and Jacob Thorrell will return to the line-up next season – whatever the structure of the Elite League.

Club owner Chris Van Straaten made the commitment at a fans' talk-in at Chillington WMC near Monmore Green.

Swedish reserve Thorrell won a host of awards at the club's recent presentation evening and is hugely popular with supporters.

Aussie ace Proctor was on course for his best ever season until it was cut short by nerve damage in his neck.

British speedway faces tough decisions on structure in the winter, with uncertainty over television coverage of the top flight. Many supporters are expecting a drastic lowering of the team building ceiling.

Van Straaten said: "While the exact format of the Elite League is uncertain until we know whether Sky are to renew their contract."

Future stars of boxing show off battle skills



The boxers from the night gather with Steve Bull, fifth from left, trainers and sponsors. Pictures Fotofilia Studio



Ryan Partridge fights Nathan De Castro on the night

PRIORY Park Amateur Boxing Club staged their latest show at Dudley's The Venue with Wolves legend Steve Bull as their special guest of honour, writes Craig Birch.

Two of their fighters got their hands on Central Area title belts by the close of play, after a 10-box bill had panned out last Friday night.

Priory's Silkander Rasool lifted the light welterweight crown and set the ball rolling for his club, in the first of four title contests.

His fluent work operating behind the jab saw him defeat Michael Williams, from

Boxing
Braunstone ABC, Leicester, by majority points decision.

But Warley's Mat Windle nudged past Priory's Josh Aston to claim the bantamweight title by unanimous points decision, after four close-run rounds.

Priory's Ryan Partridge excelled to see off the vaunted Nathan De Castro, from Brackenbridge ABC in Lincoln, by unanimous points decision for the middleweight belt.

Walsall Wood ABC's Daniel Breeze battled past puncher Mitchell Stevens, from Darren McDermott's Brooklands ABC in Dudley, for the welterweight strap by major-

ity decision. Opening the show were three skills bouts – an exhibition where there is no winner or loser – in different age classes where boxers new to the sport are 'bloodied'.

Priory's Haaver Tazeem was first on at 30kg against Aman Ali, from Windmill ABC in Smethwick. Both are 10-years-old. The other skills contest involved teenagers.

Priory's Brad Willets displayed his abilities at 64kg against Willenhall's Joe Augusts. Both are 13. The skills offerings were staged over three, one minute rounds.

The evening's other four bouts were a mixed bag for Priory, with two of their representatives winning and two losing in three, two minute round fights.

Priory's Chris Amendola boxed well to beat Brooklands' Reece Elwell unanimously at 60kg, while 57kg club-mate Amie Smith did the same to Walsall Wood's Rachel Cotton in a girls bout.

But Priory Park's Aaron Adams was waved off after a standing eight-count after being shook by a right hook from Kieron Brassington, from Wellington ABC in Shropshire, at 58kg.

And Brooklands' debutant Ashley McManns started out on a winning note, with a majority points success over Priory's Chris Sankey at 64kg. Priory will be back at the Venue in 2014, which has been pencilled in for Saturday February 8.

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Haseley's double is enough for victory

Yeltz 2 Rainworth MW 0
HALESOWEN grabbed another three points with a comfortable win over play-off rivals Rainworth with Ben Haseley grabbing both goals.

Halesowen took the lead after 15 minutes with their first attempt at goal as a scuffle in the box resulted with Haseley being in the right place at the right time.

He slotted the ball past keeper James Martin giving Haseley his 20th goal of the season in all competitions.

The first chance of the second half came from Halesowen as Joe Hull smashed the ball towards goal, but it flew wide.

Ben Haseley claimed his second goal of the game with 15 minutes left to go as he ran on to the ball that the Rainworth defence mistakenly gave away and he chipped the ball perfectly over the outrunning James Martin and the ball tucked itself into the bottom of the net.

Grant Ryan nearly got a goal back for Rainworth as he turned on the outside of the 18 yard box and hit a shot, but the ball just flew wide of the right hand post.

Even with their two goal advantage, Halesowen kept pressing for more goals, and Aaron Griffiths nearly got his name on the scoresheet as he hit a shot from around 20 yards out, but the ball flew just wide.

Yeltz keep up winning run

Santiago 1 Halesowen 3
THE undefeated Yeltz, travelled to Rubery to take on mid-table Santiago Belles, on a very wet pitch with long grass.

Halesowen scored on 21 minutes when Tracey Haycock passed to Sarah Hammill and with a fantastic looping shot netted from 25 yards out.

Halesowen made it two on 39 minutes when a fumbled corner fell to striker Sian Whithall who with a low shot drove it past the stranded keeper.

In the second half Santiago were awarded a free kick and a high ball floated to the Yeltz keeper as she collected the ball it slipped through her grasp into the goal.

Halesowen scored late on again by Whithall this was supplied by Sophie Richards. This week Halesowen play Gillmill away in the open cup.

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Heathens historic triumphal season

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Future ring stars in boxing bonanza

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Tipton's four-ce proves to be too strong

Tipton Town 4 Loughborough U1
A HAT-TRICK by midfielder Dave Meese helped Tipton to an excellent 4-1 win over Loughborough University.

Tipton boss Ian Rowe brought in Danny Crudginton to play alongside Meese and Lee Wherton in midfield to replace the suspended Danny Ashton.

The visitors had the best of the early chances – if not possession – as the swirling wind around Tipton Sports Academy made play challenging.

On eight minutes, James Pemberton was forced into action to deny Tristan Dunkley after a lapse in concentration by

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Graham Ashton. Ten minutes later Daniel Brennan hooked over the bar from a corner and almost immediately afterwards Pemberton had to parry away a shot by James Winchester from the edge of the area.

On 32 minutes Marvin Nisbett broke the deadlock, picking the ball up on the right wing and jinking and turning into the area before firing home.

Three minutes later Nisbett turned provider to enable Meese to slot home for

the first of his three. Having carved open the visitors twice, Tipton then allowed them back into the game before the interval when Graham Ashton brought down Dunkley and Kieran Kenlock smashed home from the spot.

Within four minutes of the restart the game was effectively over. First Meese tapped home from close range after great work by Joe Rogers down the right.

Then just two minutes later he bravely went into a challenge with Hallett to poke home, receiving a foot-long gash up the inside of his leg – as well as the match ball – for his efforts.

With Loughborough effectively out on their feet, it was simply a case of whether Tipton could add to their total.

On 63 minutes Crudginton almost got the goal his performance deserved when he beat two men and shot from the edge of the area to force a great save from Hallett.

And Meese might have added to his personal tally on 70 minutes when he managed to control a cross on the edge of the area but Hallett was equal to it.

Tipton now face take on neighbours Walsall Wood for the first time in over a decade this Saturday

Tivs run reaches a dozen

**Tividale FC 1
Causeway Utd FC 0**

TIVIDALE made it 12 out of 12 to extend their amazing start to the MFA season.

For the first part of the game Tividale were definitely second best, but on 35 minutes they showed why they are on this great run with a piece of quality.

From soaking up pressure they countered when Jason Chilton was sent away, outpaced his marker Todd Evans and whipped in a cross that poacher supreme Nathan Waite steered past Causeway keeper Tom Turner.

Two minutes later Causeway had another golden opportunity when clear on goal Tibbets with only Price to beat decided to try and pass to one of his forwards and made a complete hash of it.

There must have been strong words in the home dressing room because the second half was a quite different affair as Tividale completely dominated.

It was they who should have extended their lead with substitute Michael Wardle having the best of the chances hitting the post with one effort and then watched as Turner somehow turned away an effort.

Free entry offer for the military

THIS Saturday will see the first league meeting in more than 10 years between Tipton and Walsall Wood.

This match is on Remembrance weekend, and anyone with a forces ID card or a veteran's badge can get into Tipton Sports Academy for free. The offer extends to members of the uniformed emergency services – police, fire, ambulance and TA.

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HEROICS CAN'T STOP A MAULING FOR DK

Macclesfield 73 DK 3

THE scoreline doesn't tell lies, but it cannot accurately reflect the game, and in this case does not give credit or recognise the heroic efforts of DK.

To a man they never took a backward step nor let their heads fall in what was a very competitive game.

Rugby

These players are a credit to the club and deserve all the recognition they get for wearing the club shirt with pride and never giving up, even when the cause appears to have been lost.

Yes they lost heavily to a strong and very effective Macclesfield team, who played a very simple but effective game and executed it well in every area.

Unfair

Not one of their scores was gifted – every DK player on the pitch gave their all and it may be unfair to single out a few but in the backs none more so than Liam Marshall and Jordan Brookes, and in the forwards Luke Greenwood; Al Francis and Dany Hawkins well supported by the second row pairing of skipper Ed Parry and Nick Murphy.

DK opened with some encouraging and enterprising play, but were soon pegged back in what was a recurring theme throughout the match.

Playing with the strong wind slightly in their favour DK were caught out when they turned over possession near halfway, and Mac's right wing Matthew King ran some 30 metres to score the first of his three first half tries.

The second half continued in a similar vein with Mac scoring a further five tries through Dave Marwick bagging his second, before centre Tom Davenport, full back Ashley Platt, centre Elliot Brierley and left wing Tom Stobart all got in on the scoring act with Eaton converting four of them.

Throughout the half DK played with great spirit and fortitude but gained no reward for their heroic efforts.

All in all another bad day at the office, but now is the time for those members of the club who have yet not shown their support for this group of players who wear the badge with pride, to pledge their support.

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Scrum half Connah Jones delivers the ball from the ruck for DK during their massive defeat by Macclesfield

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